

Wednesday

Buffett Bets Big on Recovery

Investor buys railroad for \$34B, banking on U.S. economy

NEW YORK | The biggest name in investing is making what he calls an "all-in wager" on the U.S. economy — \$34 billion to own a railroad that hauls everything from corn to cars across the country.

The acquisition of Burlington Northern Santa Fe, the nation's second-largest railroad, would be the biggest-ever acquisition for Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway investment company.

In a statement, Buffett, the billionaire

whose investing decisions are carefully scrutinized by the world of finance, voiced confidence in the railroad industry.

"Most important of all, however, it's an all-in wager on the economic future of the United States. I love these bets," he said Tuesday.

Buffett has said he realized a few years late that railroads were an appealing investment. As diesel prices rise, shipping by rail instead of truck becomes more attractive,



Buffett

and it would be extremely difficult for a competitor to build a new railroad.

"They do it in a cost-effective way and extraordinarily environmentally friendly way," Buffett told CNBC on Tuesday. "I basically believe this country

will prosper and you'll have more people moving more goods 10 and 20 and 30 years from now, and the rails should benefit. It's a bet on the country, basically." (AP)



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Elections an Early Test of Obama's Influence



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BELLWETHER? Virginia Republican gubernatorial candidate Bob McDonnell votes in Glen Allen, Va., Tuesday. McDonnell led Democrat Creigh Deeds heading into Tuesday's vote. President Obama's political clout was on the line Tuesday as Virginia and New Jersey chose governors in contests that could foreshadow the public's mood heading into midterm elections. ♦ **Voting ended after Express' deadline. For results: washingtonpost.com**

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NON-PUNISHMENTS
Don't Steal, or You'll Be Briefly Uncomfortable

In exchange for no jail time, a woman and her adult daughter have agreed to stand outside a Bedford, Pa., courthouse holding signs saying they stole from a 9-year-old girl on her birthday. Because the women agreed to hold the signs, the district attorney says he'll ask for probation instead of jail when they plead guilty to the theft. (AP)

COSTUMES
Next Year He'll Dress as Irony

A man dressed as a breathalyzer was arrested for operating a vehicle under the influence on Halloween night. James Miller, 18, was caught in Oxford, Ohio, as he tried to drive the wrong way onto a one-way street. The remains of a case of Bud Light were found in the front seat and trunk. (EXPRESS)



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VEHICLES
For \$40,000, It Could Be Yours

Do you yearn for the motorized recliner that made the news recently when its owner pleaded guilty to drunken driving after crashing it into a car? You have another chance to own it: The online auction for the chair (which hit \$40,000) was halted Monday when La-Z-Boy complained to eBay. The chair is not a La-Z-Boy and cannot be referred to as such, so the auction must be rescheduled, the Star-Tribune reported. (EXPRESS)

BENDING OF SPACE-TIME
We Really Love It When This Happens

A federal judge has dismissed a sex discrimination suit a female attorney filed against a Pittsburgh law firm saying that because she is a shareholder, the attorney is, essentially, her own employer. Alyson Kirleis sued Dickie McCamey & Chilcote in 2006 claiming she was paid less than male colleagues and was excluded from office parties because they often include sexually explicit entertainment. (AP)



JOURNALISM
So Many Cat Lady Jokes, So Few Lines

It's now illegal in one Massachusetts town to own more than three cats without obtaining a special license. Voters at a town meeting in Dudley on Monday night added language to a town bylaw that makes it illegal to own more than three cats without a \$50 residential kennel license. (AP)

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House GOP Pens Draft Health Bill

Republican proposal focuses on reducing medical expenses

WASHINGTON | After months spent criticizing Democrats' health overhaul plans, House Republicans have produced a draft proposal of their own. It's much shorter and focuses on reducing costs rather than extending coverage to nearly all Americans.

230

The number of pages in House Republicans' draft health bill. The Democrats' legislation is 1,990 pages long.

The Associated Press obtained a draft of the bill Tuesday. The bill leaves out a number of key features of the Democrats' legislation. It also doesn't block insurers from denying coverage to people with pre-existing health conditions, as Democrats would do.

Instead, the Republican plan increases incentives for people to use health savings accounts, provides incentives to states with the aim of driving down premium costs and allows health insurance to be sold across state lines.

ERICA WERNER (AP)

Merkel Calls for Climate Initiative

Addressing Congress, German leader urges global warming deal

WASHINGTON | German Chancellor Angela Merkel marked the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall by exhorting the world in a speech to Congress on Tuesday to "tear down the walls of today" and reach a deal to combat global warming.

Frequently interrupted by robust applause, Merkel reiterated her country's commitment to fostering security in Afghanistan and also said that a nuclear bomb in the hands of Iran "is not acceptable."

In the first address by a German chancellor to Congress since Konrad Adenauer's in 1957, Merkel emphasized the need for a global agreement on climate change — one she said she hoped could be forged at an international conference next month in Copenhagen.

"We have no time to lose," she declared. Merkel said she recognized that no deal could be successful without the support of China



Vice President Joe Biden, left, and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, right, applaud German Chancellor Angela Merkel during her address to Congress on Tuesday.

and India — but that if a deal were struck, she said she was sure those two fast-growing economies could be persuaded to sign on.

"Today's generation needs to prove that it is able to meet the

Partisan Division

→ While Democrats lauded Merkel, Republicans met her words with silence, reflecting the feud over a national climate bill, Juliet Eilperin reports.

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challenges of the 21st century, and that, in a sense, we are able to tear down walls of today," she said.

Merkel cited as proof of global warming icebergs that are melting in the Arctic, Africans forced to flee their homelands due to drought and the rise in sea levels.

The chancellor met at the White House with President Obama before her speech to the joint session of Congress. Obama shares her support for a strong international agreement on global warming, although considerable skepticism lingers in Congress.

DESMOND BUTLER (AP)



HEALTH Hygiene Spies Be sure to wash up, Maryland doctors and nurses. You're being watched. State officials said Tuesday they're creating teams of staff members at hospitals across the state to secretly monitor their colleagues' hand-washing habits. The monitors will contribute to a systemwide report on hand-washing, using \$100,000 in federal stimulus money. Lt. Gov. Anthony Brown said people who are lax on scrubbing up won't be penalized. The aim is to learn which hospital staffs need to do a better job. (AP)

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Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority workers are seen on strike in Philadelphia. The strike by a major transit system union was called early Tuesday.

Transit Strike Irks Philly Commuters

Union's walkout over pay leaves thousands without rides to work

PHILADELPHIA | Even in the best of times, waking up to a surprise transit strike is like a bad dream come true. When the sudden walkout comes during an economic downturn, it becomes more like a public relations nightmare.

The Philadelphia transit system's largest union went on strike early Tuesday over wage, pension and health care issues, stalling bus, subway and trolley operations and forcing thousands of commuters to find other ways to get to work — and to Election Day polls.

"I think they have a lot of nerve to ask for more money in this economy," said Robert Washington of

west Philadelphia, who relied on his bicycle to get to his office job downtown. "There are people who don't have jobs who would love to have one of their jobs."

The strike by Transport Workers Union Local 234 all but crippled the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority, which averages more than 928,000 trips each weekday. No new negotiations were scheduled Tuesday.

Gov. Ed Rendell, who helped mediate negotiations for the past four days, was stunned when the union walked out on a proposed deal that included an 11.5 percent wage increase over five years.

Given the recession, Rendell said SEPTA's offer was "sensational." "It was, in my judgment, nuts to walk out," he said.

KATHY MATHESON (AP)

Man Gets 2 Years for Theft of Plane

ST. LOUIS | A Turkish-Canadian man was sentenced Tuesday to two years in federal prison for stealing a plane in Canada and flying over three states before landing along a southern Missouri highway.

Adam Dylan Leon might have received only 12 to 18 months in

prison. But U.S. District Judge Charles Shaw went beyond federal sentencing guidelines in deciding the punishment.

Shaw said the 31-year-old's actions in April posed risks to himself and others, and cost the government \$230,000 to track him. (AP)



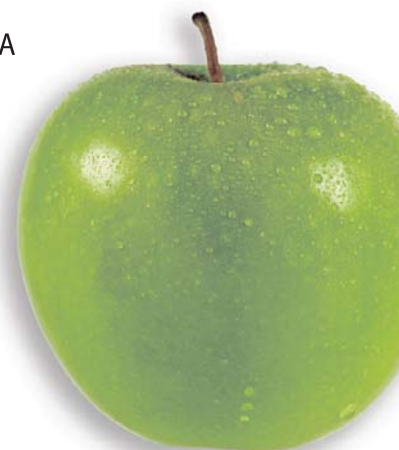
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Early Births Inflate Mortality Rate

Report: Prematurity top cause of high U.S. infant death ranking

ATLANTA | Premature births, often due to poor care of low-income pregnant women, are the main reason the U.S. infant mortality rate is higher than in most European countries, a government report said Tuesday.

About one in eight U.S. births are premature. Early births are

much less common in most of Europe; for example, only one in 18 babies are premature in Ireland and Finland.

Poor access to prenatal care; maternal obesity and smoking; too-early Caesarean sections; and induced labor and fertility treatments are among the reasons for preterm births, experts said.

Babies born before 37 weeks tend to be more fragile, said the lead author of the new report, Marian MacDorman of the U.S. Centers

33%

The amount the U.S. infant mortality rate would drop if America's infants were as mature at birth as Sweden's, according to calculations by the CDC.

for Disease Control and Prevention. Premature births are the chief reason the U.S. ranks 30th in the world in infant mortality, with a rate more than twice as high as Sweden, Japan, Finland, Norway and the Czech Republic. MIKE STOBBE (AP)

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David Friehling, left, exits court Tuesday. He might face 114 years in prison.

NEW YORK

Madoff Auditor Pleads Guilty to Fraud Charges

Bernard Madoff's longtime auditor, David Friehling, pleaded guilty to securities fraud charges Tuesday, saying he failed to do his job to verify the disgraced money manager's financial records but did not know Madoff was running history's biggest Ponzi scheme. Friehling, 49, apologized to the thousands of victims who lost billions of dollars between 1991 and 2008. (AP)

MILWAUKEE

Study Ties Cholesterol To Some Prostate Cancers

Men who keep their cholesterol in line might lower their chances of getting aggressive prostate cancer, new research suggests. A study found that men whose cholesterol was in a healthy range — below 200 — had less than half the risk of developing high-grade prostate tumors compared to men with high cholesterol. (AP)

BATON ROUGE, LA.

Judge Resigns After Interracial Marriage Flap

A Louisiana justice of the peace who refused to marry a couple last month because the bride was white and the groom was black has quit. A spokesman for Louisiana's Secretary of State's Office says Keith Bardwell's resignation is effective Tuesday. "I'm not a racist," Bardwell said Oct. 15. "I just don't believe in mixing the races that way." (AP)

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TEHRAN, IRAN

Riot Police Vow Assault If Opposition Holds Rally

The head of Tehran's anti-riot police threatened opposition protesters Tuesday with a full-scale assault if they return to the streets during government-backed events marking the 30th anniversary of the takeover of the U.S. Embassy. Reformist leaders, however, have shown no sign of backing off their calls for marches to compete with Wednesday's gatherings — which include an annual anti-U.S. rally. (AP)

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA

N. Korea Claims to Expand Arsenal of Atomic Bombs

North Korea claimed Tuesday that it has successfully weaponized more plutonium for atomic bombs, a day after warning Washington to agree quickly to direct talks or face the prospect of a growing North Korean nuclear arsenal. Pyongyang's official Korean Central News Agency said North Korea had finished reprocessing 8,000 spent nuclear fuel rods. (AP)

EU Treaty Clears Last Key Hurdle

Czech president signs charter intended to unify Europe's states

PRAGUE | A charter meant to transform Europe into a more unified global player passed its last major hurdle Tuesday and looks set to become law within weeks.

Czech President Vaclav Klaus, who has been highly skeptical of increasing the European Union's powers, signed the Lisbon Treaty in Prague hours after his nation's Constitutional Court struck down a complaint against it.

Klaus has been tirelessly attacking and stalling the document, claiming it would hand too much power to EU institutions in Brussels. He was awaiting the Brno-based court's ruling before deciding whether to endorse it.

"I expected the decision of the



PETR DAVID JOSEK/AP

Czech President Vaclav Klaus speaks to the press after he signed the Lisbon Treaty at the Prague Castle in the Czech Republic on Tuesday. Klaus had opposed the treaty.

Constitutional Court and respect it," Klaus told reporters Tuesday afternoon, but added he vehemently disagrees with the verdict.

Klaus was the last obstacle to the full ratification of the treaty, which was bogged down in negotiations for almost a decade and

has been ratified by all 26 other EU nations.

The Swedish EU Presidency said the treaty will enter into force on Dec. 1.

European leaders welcomed news of the signing. "Today is a day when Europe looks forward, when

THREE MAJOR REFORMS:

1 A NEW EU PRESIDENT: A fixed-term president would be in office for two and a half years, replacing a system that rotates the presidency every six months.

2 A NEW EU FOREIGN MINISTER: The high-profile job is designed to give the EU more international prominence.

3 STREAMLINED DECISIONS: More policy decisions would be permitted by majority votes, rather than by unanimous votes. (EXPRESS)

it sets aside years of debate on its institutions, and moves to take strong and collective action on the issues that matter most to European citizens: security, climate change, jobs and growth," British Prime Minister Gordon Brown said in a statement. KAREL JANICEK (AP)

SCIENCE Birth of an Ocean A 35-mile rift in Ethiopia's desert will one day be an ocean, LiveScience.com reported. When the crack opened in 2005 in just days, some scientists said the area would eventually turn into an ocean, but that view was controversial. However, a new study published in the journal *Geophysical Research Letters* confirmed that the theory is indeed likely. The crack was created when a volcano at one end of the rift erupted and magma began "unzipping" the ground in both directions. (EXPRESS)

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Karzai Vague on Reform

Afghan leader pledges to banish corruption, reach out to his rivals

KABUL | Afghanistan's president welcomed his second term — achieved after his main opponent withdrew from a runoff election — by reaching out to opponents Tuesday and promising to banish the corruption that has undermined his administration.

Hamid Karzai did not spell out how he would institute reforms or mention whether he is willing to make concessions to his rivals.

Karzai spoke a day after being declared victor of an election so



Afghan President Hamid Karzai, center, is shown with his two VPs on Tuesday.

marred by fraud that it took two and a half months, and intense international pressure, to resolve. His main opponent, Abdullah Abdullah, said when he dropped out of the planned runoff that he

was withdrawing because it could not be free or fair.

Karzai said in a speech he wants people from every part of the country in his government, including political opponents. He didn't mention Abdullah by name.

"Those who want to work with me are most welcome, regardless of whether they opposed me in the election or whether they supported me in the elections," Karzai said.

Abdullah, who once served as Karzai's foreign minister, has said he will not join Karzai's administration but will work from the outside for reforms and for national unity. AMIR SHAH AND HEIDI VOGT (AP)

PAKISTAN | TRAIN COLLISION KILLS 10



GROUP RESCUE: Volunteers help carry an injured man away from the wreckage of a train crash in Karachi, Pakistan, on Tuesday. A passenger train collided with a cargo train after a driver apparently missed a signal to stop, killing at least 10 people, including an infant. More than 30 people were injured.



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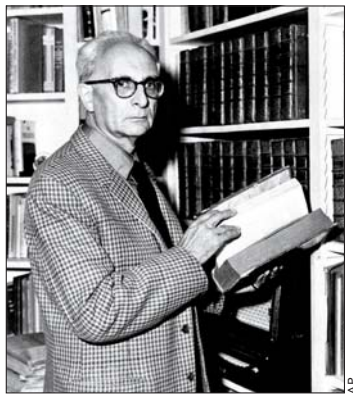
World

Levi-Strauss Dies in Paris

French intellectual was seen as father of modern anthropology

PARIS | Claude Levi-Strauss, widely considered the father of modern anthropology for work that included theories about commonalities between tribal and industrial societies, died over the weekend in Paris. He was 100. No cause of death was given.

The French intellectual was regarded as having reshaped the field of anthropology, introducing the concept of structuralism — concepts about common patterns of behavior and thought, especially myths, in a wide range of human societies. Defined as the search for the underlying patterns of thought in all forms of human



French anthropologist Claude Levi-Strauss, seen in 1967, died last weekend.

activity, structuralism compared the formal relationships among elements in any given system.

During his six-decade career, Levi-Strauss authored literary and anthropological classics including "Tristes Tropiques" (1955), "The

Savage Mind" (1963) and "The Raw and the Cooked" (1964).

France reacted emotionally to Levi-Strauss' death, with French President Nicolas Sarkozy joining government officials, politicians and ordinary citizens populating blogs with heartfelt tributes.

Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner praised his emphasis on a dialogue between cultures and said that France had lost a "visionary." Sarkozy honored the "indefatigable humanist."

Born on Nov. 28, 1908, in Brussels, Belgium, Levi-Strauss was the son of French parents of Jewish origin.

He studied in Paris and went on to teach in Sao Paulo, Brazil, and conduct much of the research that led to his breakthrough books.

ANGELA DOLAND (AP)

Africa Makes Inroads vs. Malaria

Vaccine could prevent disease in 50 percent of kids on continent

SIAYA, KENYA | A mother watched with dread as a nurse inserted a tube into her baby's head. Blood streamed into the anemic 4-month-old who has the mosquito-borne disease malaria.

"Malaria is one of the deadliest sicknesses for children," the nurse said — words that sent the mother into a crumpled heap on the bed beside her wide-eyed baby boy.

There is new hope, however, in Kenya. A vaccine that appears to be able to prevent the disease in 50 percent of children, is now undergoing the final stage of testing.

If regulators determine the vaccine is safe, it could be on the market within five years — the first vaccine against a human parasite.

Tens of millions of Africans are plagued by malaria every year, and more than a third of the hospital beds in this rural Kenyan region are



Parents whose children are suffering from malaria wait for their children to receive a new trial malaria vaccine at a clinic in the Kenyan town of Kisumu last week.

1 million

The approximate number of children who die of malaria in Africa annually.

dedicated to its victims. Malaria is also prevalent in parts of Asia, and Central and South America.

This vaccine will prevent only the African strain of the disease, however. Experts say it would be a historic advancement.

"Some may say, '50 percent, that's not great,'" said Dr. Dave Jones, a U.S. Army colonel and director of a clinic in Kombewa operated by the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research and the Kenya Medical Research Institute.

"But at the same time, when you consider we lose 1 million kids a year, if you could cut that in half, it would be a great step forward."

JASON STRAZIUSO (AP)

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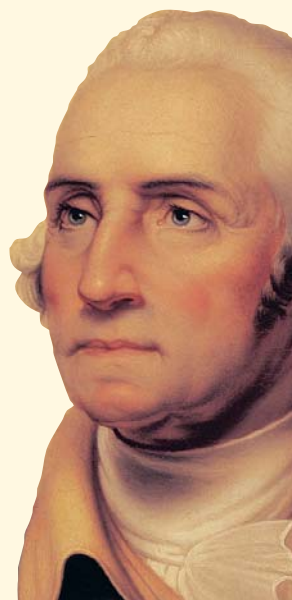
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Local

Metro Locates \$36M to Fill Gap

**Officials will tap into
stimulus, insurance,
inauguration funds**

Metro officials say they can patch together as much as \$36 million in stimulus funds, inaugural reimbursements and insurance money to plug a growing budget gap for this fiscal year.

The shortfall, the result of declining Metrorail ridership, is for the year that ends in June. A much bigger deficit looms for the year beginning July 1; budget preparations under way have

already factored in a fare increase, Metro officials said.

Metro officials had forecast a shortfall for this year of at least \$22.4 million based on July and August ridership.

September's report brought more bad news.

Ridership continues to drop because of growing unemployment in the District and slower service on the Red Line after this summer's fatal accident, according to a presentation scheduled for a Metro board committee meeting Thursday. **LENA H. SUN (THE WASHINGTON POST)**

washingtonpost.com | COLLEGE KIDS DISMISS HINI



NO PROBLEM: George Washington University student Sal Marchesano, 21, relaxes at the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity Oct. 26. He claims he doesn't need an HINI shot. **Young and Invincible:** Many college students are not heeding warnings to get the swine flu vaccine. | washingtonpost.com/local

The Lotteries

Tuesday, Nov. 4

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Mid-day Lucky Numbers	4-8-4
Evening Lucky Numbers (Mon.)	7-8-3
Mid-day DC 4	3-4-3-9
Evening DC 4 (Mon.)	0-2-2-1
Mid-day D.C. Five	9-7-8-4-2
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Evening Pick 4 (Mon.)	4-5-4-0
Mid-day Cash 5 (Tues.)	5-14-16-26-28
Evening Cash 5 (Mon.)	1-4-19-29-31

Boarders Sticking Closer to Home

Area parents turn to boarding to cut commutes, ease lives

For Sean Woo, boarding his sons at St. Albans School was an easy choice. His two teenagers got the prestige, the rigorous academics and an around-the-clock minder all in one package. And with St. Albans just a half-hour drive from Woo's McLean home, he could still make all the choral concerts and sports events.

"We would have been ferrying them around everywhere" had his sons attended the neighborhood school, Woo said. "The traffic, par-



The Lane-Johnston Building at St. Albans houses the school's boarding students.

RICKY CARLTON/TWP

ticularly during the times that the kids need your attention, is ridiculous. [St. Albans] is just very convenient in that sense."

Woo's sons are part of a small but growing trend of private school students who board locally. Some families say they think the combination of a crawling D.C. commute and a heavy homework load would make it impossible to attend such schools any other way. Other Washington parents say they're too busy to have the kids at home. And some value the boarding school experience but don't want their children 500 miles away.

At St. Albans, 19 of the school's 23 boarders have families who

live within driving distance of the school. Ten years ago, locals made up about a third of the boarders, said Jeanne Hamrick, a spokeswoman for the school.

\$13,677

The cost of boarding at St. Albans, on top of the \$32,990 tuition. At Madeira School in McLean, Va., the bill for boarding is \$11,110 per year, in addition to the regular tuition of \$35,050.

Woo said that he and his wife weren't interested in their sons being far away but that they liked the idea of boarding schools.

"They mature a little bit," he said. "And where can you get 24-hour supervision, seven days a week, for just a nominal increase over the tuition?" MICHAEL BIRNBAUM (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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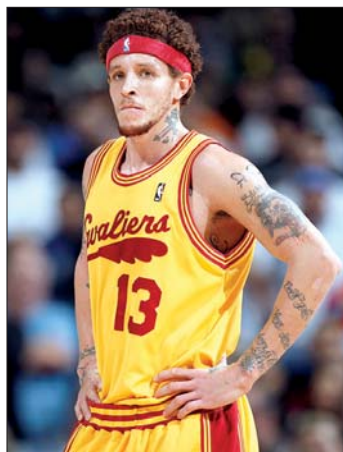
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West could face a league suspension over charges from a Sept. 17 incident.

More Gun Charges for Cavs' West

NBA player indicted for allegedly carrying multiple weapons

BASKETBALL | Cleveland Cavaliers guard Delonte West was indicted Tuesday on additional weapons and traffic charges stemming from his Sept. 17 arrest for speeding on a motorcycle and carrying multiple weapons.

The eight-count indictment sheds no new light on why West, 26, was riding a motorcycle on the Capital Beltway in Prince George's County, Md., at 10 p.m. with two loaded handguns and a loaded shotgun. Prosecutors on Wednesday added an 8 1/2-inch Bowie knife to the list of concealed weapons West was carrying.

West was indicted on two counts of carrying a dangerous weapon, two counts of carrying a handgun, two counts of transporting a handgun, and one count each of reckless driving and negligent driving.

West, who could still face a league suspension over the charges in Maryland, made his season debut during Saturday night's 90-79 win against Charlotte, scoring 13 points in 24 minutes. (AP)

Soehn Out as D.C. United Coach

After missing playoffs for two straight years, team to retool at top

UNITED | After three years at the helm and two consecutive MLS playoff absences, D.C. United coach Tom Soehn decided he preferred not to wait for a contract renewal decision and "removed his name from consideration" for the job, the club announced yesterday.

Soehn said he "spent a lot of time in reaching this very difficult decision." United President Kevin Payne previously indicated he'd take some time evaluating Soehn's performance and deciding whether to extend another contract offer. Yesterday Payne hinted at the reason for the delay, saying Soehn, "has faced greater challenges than any other [MLS] coach. His record in all competitions this season was outstanding, and he should not be judged on the basis of missing the [playoffs]."

Indeed, Soehn has confronted injuries, the league's most congest-



PRESTON KERESTWP

Soehn compiled a 55-48-31 record in his three years as D.C. United's head coach.

ed schedule and high expectations during his tenure. An assistant under Peter Nowak in 2004-06, Soehn compiled a 55-48-31 record during his three years in charge and won the 2008 U.S. Open Cup and 2007 Supporters Shield (for the best regular season record). His record in 2009 was 18-11-15.

But missing the postseason twice in a league that sends more than half its teams to the playoffs can't be ignored, and a 10-15-6 record in international tournaments was unflattering. D.C. also failed to assert itself in big games at RFK Stadium. It lost this season's Open Cup final to visiting

Seattle, was eliminated from the 2007 playoffs by bottom-seeded Chicago and won fewer than half its MLS home games this year.

Perhaps Soehn saw the writing on the wall. Or at least in the papers, where veterans like Jaime

“He should not be judged on the basis of missing the [playoffs this year].”

KEVIN PAYNE, UNITED PRESIDENT ON SOEHN'S DECISION TO LEAVE UNITED.

Moreno and Santino Quaranta questioned Soehn's tactics and lineup decisions.

Luciano Emilio and Christian Gomez occasionally vented after substitutions, with the former actually ejected from a June game for throwing a water bottle. As United's 2009 season slipped away, there was the sense that the team's name didn't apply to the locker room.

The club said it would launch the search for new coach "immediately." **BRIAN STRAUS**

BASEBALL | BUSH GETS GLOBAL GAME ON



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MOUND PRESENCE Former president George W. Bush, center, throws the first ceremonial pitch for the Japan Series at the Tokyo Dome stadium on Tuesday.

Ealey: Florida Should Not Suspend Spikes

Player thought to be victim of eye-gouging backs alleged attacker

COLLEGE FOOTBALL | A most unlikely person came to the defense of Florida linebacker Brandon Spikes, who was suspended for half a game for apparently trying to gouge the eyes of Georgia running back Washaun Ealey.

Ealey said Tuesday he doesn't believe Spikes should have been suspended.

In fact, Ealey seemed surprised the play from Saturday's game drew so much attention.

Florida coach Urban Meyer on Monday suspended Spikes for the first half of this week's game against Vanderbilt after the defensive captain stuck his hand in Ealey's helmet and appeared to try to stick his fingers in Ealey's eyes.

Ealey says he doesn't agree with those who have said the suspension was not stiff enough.

"That really didn't matter to me," Ealey said of the suspension.

"That's their decision. He shouldn't, I think, get suspended at all. We were just out there playing football." (AP)

Snyder: We Have Let Fans Down

Redskins owner says team is 'disappointed' over year's frustrations

REDSKINS | Dan Snyder is embarrassed. He feels terrible. He's also hurt, frustrated and apologetic. Name a downbeat adjective, and he's all over it.

The Washington Redskins owner made some rare in-season comments about his team Tuesday, speaking at an event to celebrate the franchise's charitable program to renovate football fields at Maryland high schools. He received nothing but cheers from appreciative students and faculty when introduced, a change of pace from the reception he and his team have heard at FedEx Field during a 2-5 start.

"We feel frustration and are disappointed for our fans," Snyder told the crowd. "Obviously, our performance to date is not what we expected."

When asked about recent controversies surrounding the team — the suing of fans who couldn't pay for tickets, and a total ban on fans carrying signs and banners into the stadium — Snyder addressed neither issue. (AP)

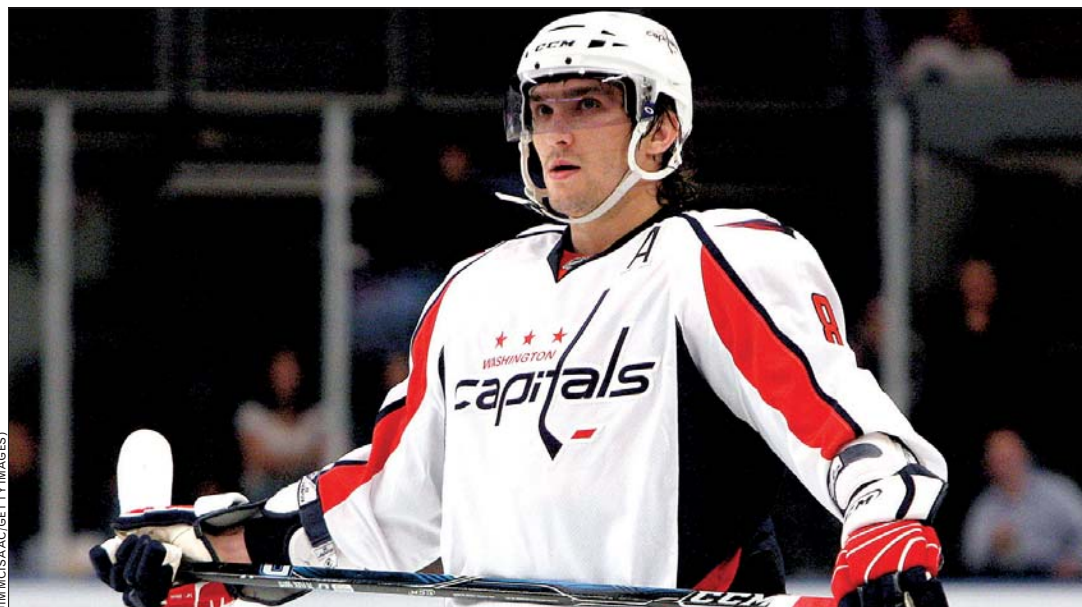
Caps Much Ado Without Ovechkin

Team in unfamiliar position of playing without its superstar

CAPITALS | Practice was coming to a close at Kettler Capitals Iceplex yesterday when coach Bruce Boudreau gathered his team together for one final chat. Though the nucleus of this year's squad has now been through two years worth of playoff battles together, they were about to enter some relatively uncharted waters.

Alex Ovechkin has missed just five games during his five-year career, and only three due to injury, but the upper body strain he suffered in Sunday's 5-4 loss to Columbus will have him in the press box tonight when the Capitals take on New Jersey. Ovechkin's status for this weekend's home-and-home against Florida is unclear, but Boudreau said Tuesday he could miss up to two weeks.

That leaves ample opportunity for guys like center Nicklas Backstrom and wings Alex Semin and Tomas Fleischmann to step up and fill the void. Because even while Ovechkin has garnered much of



Alex Ovechkin has missed just five games during his five-year career in the NHL and only three due to injury as a Capital.

the spotlight the past few years, the Capitals have always maintained they are much more than just a sideshow.

"We are not a one line team, but it sometimes looks like that because Ovie is such a good hockey player," said Fleischmann, who will likely take Ovechkin's spot playing alongside Backstrom and Mike Knuble on the top line.

The Capitals, though, must essentially make up one goal per game. That's because through 14 games this season, Ovechkin had 14 goals, putting him on pace for a career high 82. Combined with the Capitals' penchant for committing avoidable penalties in crunch time and playing sloppy defense of late (12 goals against in their past three games), there's no

doubt, with Ovechkin sidelined, this group has a lot to validate not only to themselves, but to the rest of the NHL.

That's why Boudreau gathered his players after they finished up sprints at the end of practice. "We've got a good hockey club right now," he said. Starting tonight, though, comes the hard part. MARK GIANNOTTO

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THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE that Olympic Park in London can hold. Queen Elizabeth II visited the park Tuesday to inspect preparations for the 2012 London games. The queen toured the site in east London for the second time since the British capital was awarded the Olympic games in 2005. She viewed the main Olympic Stadium and walked along a section of the 100-meter track area. (AP)

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL
Longtime FSU Defensive Coordinator to Step Down
Longtime Florida State defensive coordinator Mickey Andrews is retiring after four decades of coaching and 26 years as one of Bobby Bowden's assistants. The architect of defenses that helped the Seminoles win two national titles in the 1990s, Andrews announced his plans to retire Tuesday. A football star at Alabama under coach Paul



Mickey Andrews developed 18 first-round NFL draft picks at Florida State. "Bear" Bryant, Andrews developed 18 first-round NFL draft picks in 26 seasons at Florida State, beginning with Deion Sanders. (AP)

BASEBALL
Mother of Yankees Pitcher Faces 20 Years in Prison
The mother of New York Yankees pitcher Joba Chamberlain faces up to 20 years in prison when she's sentenced next month on a felony drug charge. Jackie Standley pleaded no contest Monday to an amended charge of delivery of a controlled substance, according to court records. The 44-year-old Standley was arrested in May after selling a gram of methamphetamine to an undercover officer at her Lincoln residence. (AP)

HOCKEY
U.S. Olympic Hockey Team To Be Announced Jan. 1
The members of the U.S. Olympic hockey team will be announced during the broadcast of the NHL's Winter Classic on New Year's Day. The 23-man squad will be led by Maple Leafs coach Ron Wilson. Its first game of the two-week tournament is scheduled for Feb. 16 against Switzerland in Vancouver, British Columbia. The Boston Bruins will host the Philadelphia Flyers at Fenway Park in this season's Winter Classic. (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP
CAPITALS (7 P.M. ON CSN+) The Caps take on veteran winger Patrick Elias and the New Jersey Devils in an Eastern Conference showdown.
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President Obama Urges Federal Workers to Give to CFC

In a videotaped message, President Obama commended Federal employees for their spirit of public service and encouraged them to go even further and support the CFC. Below is a transcript.

Hello everyone, and welcome to the Combined Federal Campaign. Every fall, volunteers run local CFC campaigns at Federal workplaces across the country and around the world to encourage their co-workers to give.

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Going above and beyond your daily duties, you've also answered the call of the CFC, contributing more than \$6 billion since 1961. Each of you should be proud of this achievement. You give when times are good. You give when nobody can fault you for saying, "Not this year," and I hope you'll give even more now when you see so many of your neighbors are counting on you.

Federal workers like you are helping to promote a spirit of service all across America—from the CFC to the overwhelming response to the *United We Serve* initiative—and together we can do even more. Building on the momentum of the previous CFCs, this year's campaign lets you ensure that the charities of your choice can continue to fulfill their missions. There are more than [4,000] charities on your CFC list, everything from local youth baseball to fighting hunger across the globe. You can sign up for payroll deductions and spread your gift over the entire year. And remember that your contribution is tax deductible, and even a small amount can make a big difference.

The Combined Federal Campaign is the world's largest workplace giving campaign. Through this effort, you have saved lives and lifted up families and communities here in America and around the world. In tough times our charities need all that we can give. So I hope that you can give them all that you can. Thank you. God bless you, and God bless America.

The Presidential message, the 2009 CFC campaign video and other public service messages are available for viewing and download at www.CFCNCA.org.

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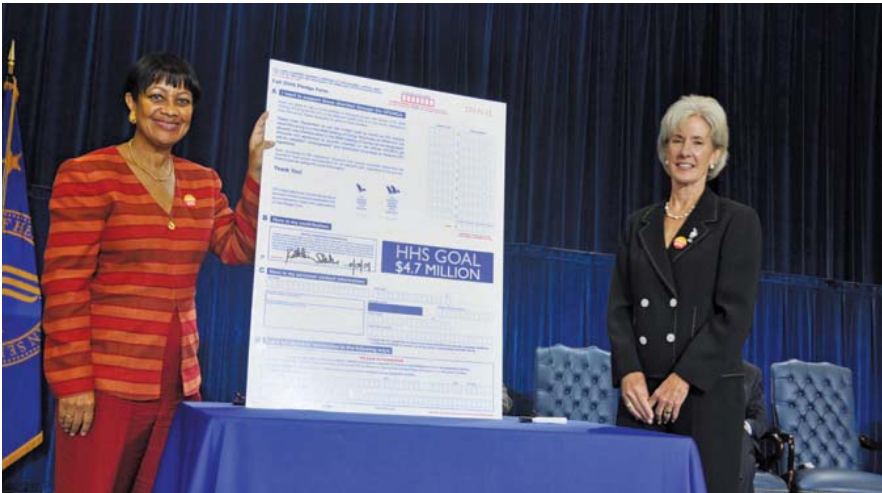
CFCNCA Campaign Kicks Off with Creative Events

From Pink Cadillacs to luaus, Federal workers have found entertaining and creative ways to launch the 2009 Combined Federal Campaign of the National Capital Area (CFCNCA).
"Agency kickoffs remain a creative outlet for Federal employees to begin the new CFC season and to get excited about this year's theme, 'The Compassion of Individuals. The Power of Community,'" said Anthony De Cristofaro, Executive Director of the CFCNCA.

The CFC Freeway of Love

"Start your engines!"

When Linda Washington uttered these words, the Department of Transportation's (DOT) 2009 CFC campaign officially took off. Washington, the Assistant Secretary for Administration at DOT and the Chair of the CFCNCA's Local Federal Coordinating Committee, hosted DOT's campaign kickoff before a large crowd in the atrium of the agency's headquarters building.
"Once again, we are asking employees to consider answering the call to service and donating to CFCNCA as a way to give back to others so desperately in need of assistance," Washington said, "I know we can do it together, contribute together, and put the 'fun' into fundraising for this noble endeavor that helps so many people."
Washington also emphasized the benefits of paperless e-Giving by using Employee Express for payroll deduction and the new option of online credit and debit cards. She said, "e-Giving is a great way to help people in need in a way that is effective, efficient and allows us to go 'green.'"
The event featured remarks from Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood and the inaugural performance by the Department's Renee Williams and Loaned Executive Renee Pedersen, who called themselves "The Dots." They performed a CFC version of Aretha Franklin's hit "Freeway of Love" while standing behind a cutout of a pink Cadillac.



At the HHS kickoff, Linda Washington, CFCNCA's Local Federal Coordinating Committee Chair, and HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius pose next to the pledge form the Secretary had just signed.

Warm Feelings Inside and Out

News4 anchor Doreen Gentzler was the master of ceremonies at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) kickoff.
"The NIH community has a tradition of giving generously through the CFC," Gentzler said. "As someone who is very involved in charity work, I can tell you that there is no better feeling than helping someone who needs it."
The event was so large it had to be held outdoors on the NIH campus and also featured remarks from newly appointed NIH Director Dr. Francis Collins.

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Celebrating Food

Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack addressed an overflowing crowd at the USDA's Whitten Building patio and shared his own experience of being born in a non-profit orphanage and benefitting from the kindness of others. He told his fellow employees, "It's not about 'can I afford this pledge?' It's about 'can I afford not to?'"

After the kickoff, USDA employees enjoyed a reception that featured food from the USDA Farmers Market. All leftovers were donated to a CFC-supported community kitchen in Washington, DC, that redistributes surplus food.

Another event held outside was the Department of Navy's kickoff, which took place in the Pentagon Courtyard. Under Secretary of the Navy, the Hon. Robert Work, thanked his fellow Navy employees for their past generosity and encouraged them to participate in the campaign again this year. The program also featured a keynote speech from DC Central Kitchen founder Robert Egger and music by the U.S. Marine Band Brass Quintet.

The excitement and dedication showcased at these agency kickoffs suggest an extraordinary campaign season ahead, during which Federal workers will pool their resources to reach their \$64 million goal.

CFCNCA's website at www.CFCNCA.org displays additional photos from this year's campaign kickoffs and will be updated with additional events as the campaign unfolds. The site also provides information on the new e-Pledging tools that make donating to CFC easier than ever.

Linda Washington, Christian Stewart, John Porcari, Deputy Secretary of Transportation, Renee Williams, and Renee Pedersen celebrate the start of DOT's 2009 Combined Federal Campaign.

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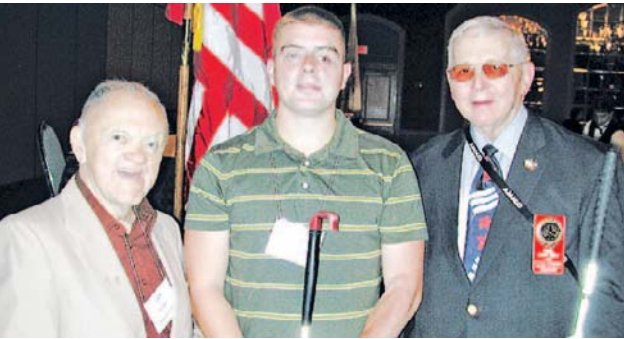
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Above: The Chemical Safety Board's Co-Campaign Managers, Amy McCormick and Hillary Cohen, join their Chairman and CEO, John Bresland, at their Luau-themed kickoff. Right: Lisa Jackson, Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, urged her fellow employees to "Go Green" and take advantage of all the e-Pledging options CFCNCA is offering this year.

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The kickoff event, held in the Deputy Secretary of Defense Conference Room at the Pentagon, signaled the start of DOD's campaign. Campaign leaders announced DOD's 2009 CFCNCA goal of \$14.1 million.

Deputy Secretary of Defense William J. Lynn III hosted the festivities and Michael Rhodes, Acting Director, Administration and Management, served as the master of ceremonies.

"I am happy to be here today to celebrate the great work of the Combined Federal Campaign of the National Capital Area. We should all be proud of the fact that this is the largest workplace giving campaign in the entire world," said Deputy Secretary Lynn.

"The contributions made by the employees throughout this building




The Honorable William J. Lynn III, Deputy Secretary of Defense and the Department of Defense CFC Vice Chair (center holding campaign goal sign), stands with this year's DOD campaign team.

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The Pentagon Channel featured the kickoff on its evening report and has provided CFCNCA with footage which can be viewed at www.CFCNCA.org.


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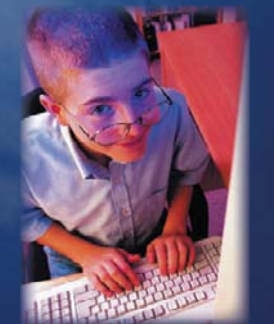
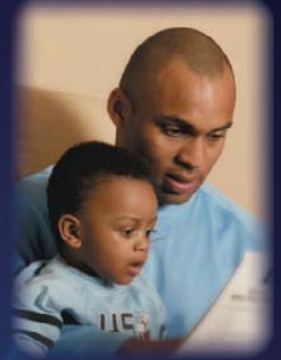
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Thankfully, a CFC-supported international charity that focuses on helping the world's most vulnerable population—children—was able to provide the necessary resources to cover the operation and other expenses. Because of this sponsorship, Malyn is now able to do things all girls should be doing like jumping rope, riding bikes, and running with friends.

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A healthy Malyn told the charity's staff, "Thank you very much for all the support you have given me." Her smile reflected the gratitude that is in her (now healthy) heart.

This global-reaching charity also helps break the cycle of illiteracy and poverty by helping children in poor areas get access to education. One child helped is Kazi Aminur Haque, whose father passed away, leaving his mother to support Kazi and his three siblings. They lived in the slums of Calcutta, India, where many parents are illiterate and overworked, simply struggling to survive. Too often they view education as an impediment, rather than an improvement, to their children's lives. As a result, their children struggle to make passing grades and may even drop out of school altogether.

This international charity sponsored Kazi's educational expenses. Not only was he able to stay in school, he also became head of his class. This CFC-supported organization provides children across the globe with clothing, shoes, school supplies and tuition fees. In addition, libraries—often with computers—are made accessible to these communities.

Kazi's academic performance has been so strong that the school waived his tuition fees and even gave him schoolbooks for free. Now he plans to continue his education and one day become a doctor and treat all those who are ill but cannot afford to go to the hospital.

"After becoming a doctor, I am determined to return to my village and help others just as this charity's sponsorship program has helped me," he remarked. "I have learnt from my sponsors that people have to think and act not only for themselves but for others too."

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Literacy Helps Peruvian Woman Walk with Her Head Held High

Mercedes' hands were sweaty and beads of perspiration started forming on her forehead. She was very nervous when Ignacia, the Quechua literacy teacher, called her up front to help form new words using the syllable cards they had been learning. This was a new experience for the 48-year-old woman who had grown up in a Quechua village in Peru and had never been to school.

Week by week as classes progressed, Mercedes felt more confident; she realized that the mystery of how to decode the written Quechua was not an impossible task. Along with her classmates, she was having fun learning how to read and write her language.

One day, Mercedes came to class with a big smile on her face. Ignacia was thrilled when Mercedes shared her

husband's comment on some advice she had given him. He had said, "What are they teaching you at the literacy classes? You are really changing!" The other ladies in the class also saw big changes in Mercedes, as she increased participation in discussions and exercises and even helped others who were having difficulties. They could see Mercedes no longer walked with her head down, ashamed of not being literate.

The Quechua literacy classes Mercedes takes part in, in addition to hundreds of others worldwide, are provided by a CFC-supported Bible translation and literacy organization that works with minority languages around the globe. When women attend literacy classes, they learn much more than how to read and write. Teachers arrange course material to

show participants practical applications for their new skills. By the end of a typical program, participants are able to write notes, stories and letters; read letters and books; tell time; add, count money, and read scales.

Participants are then able to interact with the world around them in a new way, gathering information through reading and expressing themselves through writing. Using their basic knowledge of mathematics, women can shop at the marketplace without fear of being cheated. Reading gives women access to information on a variety of topics like health care, nutrition, hygiene, childbirth, and disease prevention. This information educates whole communities and promotes lifestyle changes that reduce



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Staff at this organization and thousands of other nonprofits are tremendously grateful for the help received through the Combined Federal Campaign.




CFC-supported efforts to teach literacy in native languages such as Quechua to village women empowers them and strengthens their families.



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A Although you could write a check and mail it directly to a charity, CFCNCA reduces the need for individual and costly solicitations from charities by combining this into one campaign, once a year. Accounting costs are much lower because charitable gifts are consolidated into monthly checks to the charity, thereby reducing the costs each charity would assume for processing these donations one-by-one each month. Reducing costs through this collective effort ensures more of your pledge goes directly and quickly to the good work of the charity.

Q Can I get help from a CFC-approved charitable organization?

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The official CFCNCA website makes helping people in need a matter of simple keystrokes.

Go to www.CFCNCA.org to find features, campaign news, campaign materials and everything Federal workers need to donate to the CFCNCA.

"Our newly-refreshed website brings the campaign straight to the desktop with an easy-to-follow design," said Anthony De Cristofaro, executive director of the CFCNCA. "It is an incredible resource both for those interested in donating to a charity and the volunteers running a campaign."

The website provides tools for donors, volunteers, charities and anyone else interested in the CFCNCA. Viewers can find up-to-date information on the various kickoffs and events that occur during the campaign, as well as CFC-related human interest stories. The homepage

contains large visual links to take users where they need to go on the site.

For Donors

Federal employees can use the **Online Charity Search** to review the more than 4,000 charities as they search for the ones that are meaningful to them. The database enables potential donors to search a variety of variables, including keyword, proximity to a zip code, type of program and even percentage of donation dollars used for overhead expenses.

Potential donors who feel more comfortable with the traditional catalog can download a copy of the **Catalog of Caring** to their computers. CFCNCA encourages donors to use the website. By keeping down the number of catalog copies that need to be printed, CFCNCA can decrease campaign costs and direct more donations to people in

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For the first time this year, donors can choose to make their pledge using a credit/debit card or e-Check via the **paperless e-Giving** tools on the website. Returning a Pledge Form with payroll deduction information, check or cash still works, too.

For Volunteers

One of the key functions of the website is the MANAGE system. This tool enables campaign volunteers and staff to order supplies, schedule charity outreach events, submit and track pledge deposits, order reporting unit awards, and create detailed campaign progress reports.

Posters, videos, campaign cards and other useful items updated for the 2009 theme are available online, to download whenever campaign workers need them. Templates also are provided so that campaign volunteers can customize certain materials for their events and donors.

Federal workers can keep up with the latest campaign news and resources and



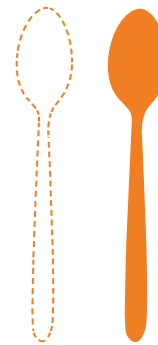
provide their input and feedback on the campaign with the online volunteer registration and survey tools.

For Charities

Charities have their own section on the website and can find the schedule for Application Workshops being held this fall. When CFCNCA starts taking applications for the 2010 campaign, charities will even be able to submit their applications online.

For Anyone Interested in CFCNCA

Facebook users can now become a fan of the CFCNCA. Connect to this community to get additional information on campaign news, share ideas and success stories, participate in ongoing fun activities and see more photos from campaign events. Also, look for CFCNCA content on the Nonprofit Channel of YouTube.



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Breast Cancer Research Funded by CFC Donations Helps to Save Lives

There is a lot that Mary McCourt has to be thankful for: A caring son, loving family, supportive colleagues and compassionate doctors. All of them helped her to celebrate a Lucky 7 anniversary this year from overcoming breast cancer.

"If there had not been some very generous individuals who helped to fund breast cancer research in the 1990's, I might not be here," she said.

In December 2001, McCourt learned she was suffering from a particularly virulent type of breast cancer called HER2-positive. In the following 12 months, McCourt had 4 surgeries, 8 rounds of chemotherapy, and 9 weeks of radiation treatments. McCourt's therapy included what was then a new drug, Herceptin, which contributed to eradicating the cancer.

"It was a new treatment to combat this type of breast cancer," McCourt said. "If I'd had cancer 10 years before, I may not have survived."

The CFC-supported charities continue to make great gains in cancer research and treatment protocols. The hospital in Northern Virginia where McCourt was treated also

receives CFC funds.

At the time she became ill, McCourt was working in the Federal Aviation Administration's Office of Security. She was diagnosed just days before Christmas and her 45th birthday, and only a few months after the 9-11 terrorist attacks on the United States. When the Office of Security moved from FAA to the Transportation Security Administration at the new Department of Homeland Security, McCourt moved with it. Her new assignment with the Federal Air Marshal Service (FAMS) kept her busy working to establish headquarters and field office training programs.

"As the rest of the country was recovering from the attack on America, I was combating a life-threatening illness. The idea that I had my own mission to complete just as my colleagues in FAMS did helped to keep me going," she said.

The sense of mission and the support of friends and family helped her through the difficult recovery. Friends from FAA donated leave, an elderly neighbor provided all her meals and cared for her dog, her then-19-year-old son accompanied her to doctor


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The chemotherapy treatments were like having the flu for two weeks at a time, recovering for a week, and then catching the flu again, McCourt remembered. "It's very difficult to go through the treatments, and it takes your body several years to recover from all the poisons you put in your body to try to kill the cancer," she said.

"Fortunately I'm here, cancer free, seven years later. I'm enjoying life now and on a path to being well, and I have the opportunity to help other people, too."

This fall the Department of Homeland Security has agreed to support McCourt as a Loaned Executive to the Combined Federal Campaign of the National Capital Area. She and a colleague assist the Department of Justice, Broadcast Board of Governors, and Federal Housing Finance Authority in planning and executing their campaigns.

"That's one of the reasons I decided to participate in the Loaned Executive program. I was so sick a few years ago, but I've recovered, and I must be here for a greater purpose. If that is to help people, to inspire them to donate to their favorite charity, then I've done something worthwhile," McCourt said.

Research by CFC-supported agencies helped find ways to cure Mary McCourt's cancer. Now, she is giving back to CFCNCA.



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The CFCNCA gratefully acknowledges all contributors to the campaign. Departments and individuals who have made extraordinary contributions are recognized further with a variety of awards. The following list describes the available CFC awards and their criteria:

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Merit Award—achieving 50 percent employee participation or \$125 per capita gift.

Million Dollar Circle Award—recognizes component units of departments and agencies that raise more than \$1 million in contributions.

Each assigned department or independent agency that meets the following criteria will earn one of the following awards:

Campaign Leadership Award—departments and independent agencies that achieve a 2 percent increase in contributions. (No certificate accompanies this award.)

Summit Award—departments and independent agencies that achieve a 3 percent increase in giving over the previous year's results. (No certificate accompanies this award.)

Participation Achievement Award—departments and independent agencies that achieve a 2 percent increase in participation over the previous year's results. (No certificate accompanies this award.)

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Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan, waits his turn in a basketball competition as he watches the Department of Education's Maureen Dowling reach for a rebound, along with Denise Morelli, one of the Department's volunteers at the event. In order for employees to be eligible to compete against the Secretary, their CFC components had to have donated at least 15% of their dollar goal before the kickoff event. This helped spur the Department of Education to generate approximately \$200,000 in donations by the time of the kickoff.

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Loaned Executives Lend Experience, Passion to Campaigns

Each year a cadre of Federal employees grabs an extraordinary opportunity to dedicate their passion for public service to the Combined Federal Campaign of the National Capital Area (CFCNCA).

While continuing as employees of their home agencies, these Loaned Executives (LEs) work for the CFCNCA for the duration of the fundraising drive, from early August through January. At the end of the campaign, the LEs return to their positions at their home agencies.

The 41 veteran Federal employees serving as LEs this year share their experience with Campaign Managers, Keyworkers, and other campaign volunteers.

LEs work early in the campaign to help agency Campaign Managers set ambitious but realistic goals and to train volunteers. Later, they help volunteers arrange speakers, secure materials, and navigate regulations. At the end of the campaign, they analyze the results and write reports to assist the next year's campaign staff.

"You have the opportunity to use a little bit of everything

that you have in you," said Rafael Elizalde, Department of Health and Human Services, who is LE to the Department of the Treasury.

"It's very challenging because I'm always moving all the time," he said. Although he assists a single department, he meets with campaign workers in Maryland, Virginia and the District. Depending on the day, Elizalde might ride the Metro, a commuter train, or car to the various locations. "It is really a special experience," Elizalde said. "I will definitely value it and treasure it for the rest of my life."

"The Loaned Executives are an essential part of the CFC team. The LEs bring enthusiasm, decades of experience, and important management skills to their campaigns. Because the Federal agencies generously donate their time, more of the money we raise can go directly to the people who need it most," said Anthony De Cristofaro, executive director of the CFCNCA.

"There's a reason people are volunteering for this. You're taking six months away from

your job. There are people who have a passion and it's a way to fulfill that," said Lilo Rheinstein, a program manager with the U.S. Postal Service who assists the campaigns at the Department of Labor, Government Printing Office, and Smithsonian Institution.

Eleanor High, a senior management analyst with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., appreciates the opportunity to work within very different cultures and missions among her clients, the Department of Agriculture, Environmental Protection Agency, and National Labor Relations Board.

"We try to tailor the message to the agency," she said. "We work very closely with the Campaign Managers. We rely on them to give us help on which messages will be most effective."

One important job for LEs is training Keyworkers, the volunteers assigned to be the CFC contact for about a dozen coworkers. For most donors they are the face of the CFC, the individuals who distribute Pledge Forms, answer questions, and ask for contributions.



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CFCNCA Loaned Executive Rafael Elizalde (right) shakes hands with 2009 Treasury Department Campaign Manager Pablo Alvarez. Elizalde is a Department of Health and Human Services employee detailed to assist the Department of the Treasury with its CFC campaign this year.

"We only see the Keyworkers once, for maybe an hour. You've got to reach them from a compassion level so they believe in what they're doing and so they can go connect with their people and feel passionate about the message," High said.

Some of the LEs communicate their own personal connections to

CFC-supported agencies.

Todd Craig, a senior technologist with the Federal Bureau of Prisons, said the importance of the CFC struck close to him in 1997 when a CFC-supported agency provided support for the family of a colleague who was murdered by an inmate.

Soon after, Craig himself

gained assistance from a CFC-supported agency when one of his eight children was born with a cleft lip and palate. Craig's family obtained the information and support they needed to help their young son, who drank goat's milk and prune juice from a specially-made bottle his first year.

"A lot of us are a life-changing event away from needing help," said Craig, who assists the campaigns at the Department of Commerce, Export-Import Bank, and Farm Credit Administration.

Joseph Lipari has contributed to CFC in a variety of capacities in his nearly 40-year career with the U.S. Air Force. Since 2003, he has served each year in roles from Keyworker to team captain, project officer, and even a model for a photo in a recent Catalog of Caring. Lipari has returned for his second consecutive year as an LE.

Lipari said his position as an LE for the U.S. Navy's campaign is a perfect extension to the advocacy work he and his wife do for individuals with disabilities. CFC-supported organizations helped his wife manage disabilities including mental illness, arthritis and learning disabilities.

Being an LE, he said, is "one of the most enjoyable things I've done in 40 years of civil service."

2009 Loaned Executives and their Home Agencies

Linda Adams	Department of Health and Human Services
Debra Amick	Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency
Karon Breeden	Department of Veterans Affairs
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Robert Buggs	Department of the Treasury
Danita Colbert	Central Intelligence Agency
Caroline Craig	Missile Defense Agency
Todd Craig	Department of Justice
Kathleen Dahl	Department of Commerce
Gabrielle Davis	Department of Transportation
Carol Davison	Department of Commerce
John Derenzis	Defense Logistics Agency
Rafael J. Elizalde	Department of Health and Human Services
Jane Estrada	U.S. Army
Gloria Herndon	National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency
Eleanor High	Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
Kimberly Howell Simmonds	Department of Health and Human Services
Janice Jackson	Office of the Secretary of Defense
Diana Kowitz	Department of Education
Linda Krothe	Defense Information Systems Agency
Carol Lessans	Department of Health and Human Services
Joseph Lipari	U.S. Air Force
Sharon Matthews	Department of Health and Human Services
Ferguise Mayronne	Department of Transportation
Mary McCourt	Department of Homeland Security
Ann Moore	Federal Aviation Administration
LaVerne Moore-Jenkins	Defense Threat Reduction Agency
Lisa Neal	Department of Transportation
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CAPT Andrew D. Peters	U.S. Navy
Andy Ramotnik	Defense Intelligence Agency
Lilo Rheinstein	U.S. Postal Service
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Brad Trullinger	Department of Labor
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Thomas Watson	Department of the Treasury
Maria Weingardt	Department of Veterans Affairs
David Wright	Environmental Protection Agency

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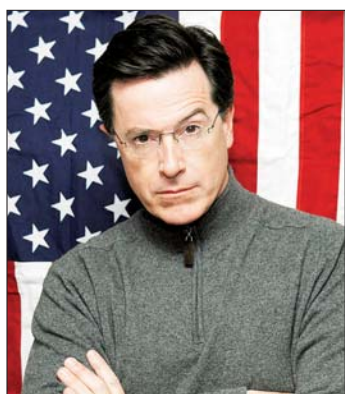
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Harsh Reality

Kirstie Alley offers up her personal life for a docu-series | **34**



Colbert is infiltrating the Olympics.

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COMEDIAN | Add Colbert Nation to the list of the many countries participating in the Vancouver Olympics.

On Monday's "The Colbert Report," Stephen Colbert announced his show has become the primary sponsor of the U.S. speedskating team. The team's largest annual cash sponsor, DSB Bank NV, left the team in the lurch after it declared bankruptcy in October.

The name "Colbert Nation" — the catchall for the legion of ardent fans of the satirical Comedy Central program — will be emblazoned on the team's uniforms.

"On their enormous, billboard thighs, it will say, 'Colbert Nation,'" Colbert said in an interview before Monday evening's taping. "Be looking for that logo as it comes around the final turn. It will be easy to see because it will be in first place."

JAKE COYLE (AP)

Carrie Underwhelms

Underwood's album 'Play On' features two strong tracks but lacks personality

MUSIC | When Carrie Underwood graduated from "American Idol" in 2005, she wasn't greeted as a pop star so much as a supernova. Four years later, the impossibly blond 25-year-old has become a sterling glow in the Nashville starscape — and one who isn't likely to dim with her third album, "Play On."

It's a good-natured effort, full of bighearted ballads and cutesy revenge fantasies. But country purists will still find Underwood a tough pill to swallow: She was invented on television and is thereby inauthentic, goes their grumbling, unwavering logic. Meanwhile, she continues to shine, serving hook upon genial pop hook, each adorned with the requisite honky-tonk trimmings.

You can almost hear her detractors groan at "Quitter," a wonderfully bubbly tune imported by Swedish songsmith Max Martin. He's written ginormous hits for the likes of Britney Spears and Kelly Clarkson, and he's certainly penned the best tune here.

"Stay with me/Keeping us together," a gleeful Underwood sings on the refrain. "And make me feel like I never, ever want to give you up." Ja, the lyrics are clunky, but the music feels like a Norwegian sunbeam garnished with teetering fiddles and wheez-



MARK HUMPHREY/AP

TOUGH SELL: "Idol" alum Carrie Underwood has had trouble winning the hearts and ears of country purists, and her new album probably won't help matters.

ing lap steel.

Similar attempts at playfulness, however, fall flat. The rock-tinged "Cowboy Casanova" sounds like something Jon Bon Jovi has been hiding in his closet since the mid-'80s, while the opening verse of "Undo It" reincarnates the insufferable swing of Edie Brickell's "What I Am."

Blame current "Idol" host (and songwriter by day), Kara DioGuardi for that one. She co-wrote the tune in what feels like a lame attempt to replicate another, bigger

The prettiness of Underwood's pipes often stifles any sense of character.

hit: Underwood's 2005 breakout single, "Before He Cheats."

But here, Underwood doesn't sound invested in the role. So, she tries again with "Songs Like This." After catching her man on the couch with her best friend, she forces a scowl, "I'm surprised how easily sweet revenge rolls off my lips." But it doesn't. And that's the rub: The unabashed prettiness of Underwood's pipes often stifles any sense of character.

Except with "Someday When I Stop Loving You," a smoldering ballad. Here, Underwood's clarion delivery feels as brutal as it is beautiful. CHRIS RICHARDS

(THE WASHINGTON POST)



CASTING Every Actor Has His Day Owen Wilson has signed on to voice the rascally Great Dane Marmaduke in Fox and New Regency's adaptation of the long-running comic strip. Wilson is the last piece of the puzzle for the live-action/CG movie, which has shades of Fox's surprise smash "Marley & Me" and follows a family named the Winslows who move from Kansas to Orange County, Calif., with their dog, Marmaduke, a slobbery pooch who creates chaos wherever he goes. (THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER)

This Rock's for All Ages

The Wiggles' first priority is kids, but the group works to write adult-friendly tunes

MUSIC | The Wiggles are like the Fab Four of children's music. But Jeff Fatt — the Purple Wiggle — said you're more likely to find the Australian quartet warming up with cover versions of another '60s Brit-pop combo.

"More Stones than Beatles at sound check," Fatt said, "or any of those classic '60s sorta-thrash [bands]. That was pretty well the style of music that the Cockroaches played."

Fatt and Anthony Field played in the '80s garage-rock group the Cockroaches, releasing five albums

before breaking up. Then Field and original Wiggles Greg Page (since retired) and Murray Cook met while studying early childhood education, and they called Fatt in

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Despite the Wiggles' surefire touring success, the group continues to better its production values and evolve its performances, but don't fear: You will still hear "Fruit Salad," and the Purple Wiggle will still fall sleep. "We always try to pitch things at a child's level, because children are very egocentric — the world revolves around them."

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CIRQUE DU FREAK: THE VAMPIRE'S ASSISTANT (PG-13) (1110 AM 140 PM) 720 PM

SAW VI (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1230 300 530) 815 1040

LAW ABIDING CITIZEN (R) - ID REQ'D (120 440) 740 1030

WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE (PG) (1100 130 400) 640 915

COUPLES RETREAT (PG-13) (110 410) 650 940

PARANORMAL ACTIVITY - DP (R) - ID REQ'D (1210 230 450) 730 1000 1050

PARANORMAL ACTIVITY (R) - ID REQ'D (1115 130 350) 630 900

CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF MEATBALLS 3D - EVENT PRICE (PG) ★ (1105 120 340) 610 830

STEP FATHER (PG-13) (1140 AM 220 PM) 1020 PM

ZOMBIELAND (R) - ID REQ'D (510 PM) 750 PM

GERMANTOWN STADIUM 14

20000 Century Blvd 800-FANDANGO 455#

HILLSONG UNITED: WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER (NR) 730 PM

MICHAEL JACKSON: THIS IS IT (PG) ★ (1230 145 300 430 530) 715 810 1000 1045

PARANORMAL ACTIVITY (R) - ID REQ'D (1240 150 245 415 515) 730 830 940 1040

ASTRO BOY (PG) (130 400) 650 930

CIRQUE DU FREAK: THE VAMPIRE'S ASSISTANT (PG-13) (450 PM) 1030 PM

OC & DA: CIRQUE DU FREAK: THE VAMPIRE'S ASSISTANT (PG-13) (140 PM) 745 PM

SAW VI (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (100 200 315 420 520) 720 820 945 1045

LAW ABIDING CITIZEN (R) - ID REQ'D (120 410) 710 1010

WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE (PG) (115 340) 640 915

COUPLES RETREAT (PG-13) (1250 PM 350 PM)

ZOMBIELAND (R) - ID REQ'D (230 500) 800 1015

CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF MEATBALLS 3D - EVENT PRICE (PG) ★ (110 345) 630 900

CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF MEATBALLS (PG) (215 PM 445 PM)

UA SNOWDEN SQ STADIUM 14

9161 Commerce Ctr Dr 800-FANDANGO 570#

MICHAEL JACKSON: THIS IS IT (PG) ★ (130 215 415 500) 700 745 945 1030

AMELIA (PG) (100 400) 645 935

ASTRO BOY (PG) (1230 245 505) 715 940

CIRQUE DU FREAK: THE VAMPIRE'S ASSISTANT (PG-13) (135 410) 705 1025

SAW VI (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1245 300 515) 755 1015

OC: WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE (PG) (200 PM) 730 PM

STEP FATHER (PG-13) (145 430) 735 1035

LAW ABIDING CITIZEN (R) - ID REQ'D (115 420) 720 1005

WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE (PG) ★ (440 PM) 955 PM

GOOD HAIR (PG-13) (1250 310 525) 750 1010

COUPLES RETREAT (PG-13) (105 405) 650 930

ZOMBIELAND - DP (R) - ID REQ'D (120 330 540) 810 1035

PARANORMAL ACTIVITY (R) - ID REQ'D (1255 315 530) 800 1020

CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF MEATBALLS (PG) (1235 PM 250 PM)

HILLSONG UNITED: WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER (NR) 730 PM

MAJESTIC STADIUM 20

300 Ellsworth Dr Silver Spring, MD 240-393-4826

RW: MICHAEL JACKSON: THIS IS IT (PG) ★ (1240 315 550) 825 1100

MICHAEL JACKSON: THIS IS IT (PG) ★ (1200 110 150 235 345 430 510) 620 710 745 855 945 1020

AMELIA (PG) (1245 330) 630 905

ASTRO BOY (PG) (200 440) 705 930

SAW VI (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1210 120 225 340 450) 615 720 840 950 1100

LAW ABIDING CITIZEN (R) - ID REQ'D (145 435) 730 1015

PARANORMAL ACTIVITY (R) - ID REQ'D (1255 205 335 425) 610 650 815 910 1025

WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE (PG) (125 405) 640 920

CIRQUE DU FREAK: THE VAMPIRE'S ASSISTANT (PG-13) (140 410) 645 915

STEP FATHER (PG-13) (1155 220 445) 735 1030

GOOD HAIR (PG-13) (1225 240 500) 715 935

COUPLES RETREAT (PG-13) (120 325) 600 935

CAPITALISM: A LOVE STORY (R) - ID REQ'D (105 420) 740 1040

TOY STORY 3D - DOUBLE FEATURE (G) ★ (305 PM) 700 PM

CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF MEATBALLS 3D - EVENT PRICE (PG) ★ (130 355) 635 900

ZOMBIELAND (R) - ID REQ'D (135 400) 625 845 1055

ROYALE STADIUM 14

6505 America Blvd Hyattsville, MD 301-864-3456

RW: MICHAEL JACKSON: THIS IS IT (PG) ★ (130 415) 730 1015

MICHAEL JACKSON: THIS IS IT (PG) ★ (100 200 345 445) 700 800 945 1045

CIRQUE DU FREAK: THE VAMPIRE'S ASSISTANT (PG-13) (140 410) 655 955

ASTRO BOY (PG) (150 435) 650 935

SAW VI (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (105 340 450) 640 1005 1035

STEP FATHER (PG-13) (155 425) 740 1025

LAW ABIDING CITIZEN (R) - ID REQ'D (120 420) 720 1030

WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE (PG) (205 430) 710 950

COUPLES RETREAT (PG-13) (110 355) 725 1020

GOOD HAIR (PG-13) (210 PM 440 PM) 735 PM

PARANORMAL ACTIVITY (R) - ID REQ'D (115 445 405) 715 745 940

CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF MEATBALLS 3D - EVENT PRICE (PG) ★ (130 355) 645 930

HALLOWEEN 2 (R) - ID REQ'D (135 350) 645 930

BETHESDA 10

1717 Wisconsin Avenue 800-FANDANGO 555#

MICHAEL JACKSON: THIS IS IT (PG) ★ (120 410) 650 930

ASTRO BOY (PG) (210 430) 640 910

CIRQUE DU FREAK: THE VAMPIRE'S ASSISTANT (PG-13) (115 420) 720 1010

SAW VI (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (100 315 530) 750 1000

STEP FATHER (PG-13) (320 PM)

LAW ABIDING CITIZEN (R) - ID REQ'D (100 345) 710 950

WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE (PG) (1145 210 435) 700 925

COUPLES RETREAT (PG-13) (205 450) 730 1005

PARANORMAL ACTIVITY (R) - ID REQ'D (110 230 440 540) 640 740 845 940

CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF MEATBALLS 3D - EVENT PRICE (PG) ★ (150 400) 630 840

BOWIE STADIUM 14

15200 Major Lansdale Blvd 800-FANDANGO 454#

HILLSONG UNITED: WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER (NR) 730 PM

MICHAEL JACKSON: THIS IS IT (PG) ★ (115 145 215 245 400 430 500 530) 645 715 745 815 930 1000 1030

ASTRO BOY (PG) (125 410) 630 900

CIRQUE DU FREAK: THE VAMPIRE'S ASSISTANT (PG-13) (255 520) 800 1030

SAW VI (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (100 300 515) 730 945

PARANORMAL ACTIVITY (R) - ID REQ'D (100 315 420 545) 755 1015

CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF MEATBALLS 3D - EVENT PRICE (PG) ★ (205 440) 705 920

STEP FATHER (PG-13) (155 PM)

LAW ABIDING CITIZEN (R) - ID REQ'D (200 445) 735 1020

WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE (PG) (130 350) 635 915

GOOD HAIR (PG-13) (230 450) 725 940

COUPLES RETREAT (PG-13) (135 415) 700 940

GALLERY PLACE STADIUM 14

701 Seventh St NW 800-FANDANGO 1721#

MICHAEL JACKSON: THIS IS IT (PG) ★ (1145 1230 220) 320 500 620 740 900 1020

MICHAEL JACKSON: THIS IS IT - DP (PG) ★ (115 410) 700 945

OC & DA: CIRQUE DU FREAK: THE VAMPIRE'S ASSISTANT (PG-13) (1130 AM) 720 PM

ASTRO BOY (PG) (1145 210) 430 655 915

CIRQUE DU FREAK: THE VAMPIRE'S ASSISTANT (PG-13) (205 PM) 440 PM 1010 PM

SAW VI (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1245) 325 545 810 1035

STEP FATHER (PG-13) (1245 400) 715 1030

LAW ABIDING CITIZEN (R) - ID REQ'D (1130 155) 420 700 930

WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE (PG) (1235 300) 530 800 1025

DAMNED UNITED (R) - ID REQ'D (1150 225) 445 715 950

GOOD HAIR (PG-13) (140 215) 450 735 1030

COUPLES RETREAT (PG-13) (230 PM) 305 PM

ZOMBIELAND (R) - ID REQ'D (120 350 615 830 940 1040)

PARANORMAL ACTIVITY (R) - ID REQ'D (1155 225 435) 930

CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF MEATBALLS 3D - EVENT PRICE (PG) ★

BALLSTON COMMON STADIUM 12

671 N Glebe Rd 800-FANDANGO 377#

MICHAEL JACKSON: THIS IS IT (PG) ★ (100 200 350 450) 640 740 930 1030

AMELIA (PG) (145 435) 720 1010

CIRQUE DU FREAK: THE VAMPIRE'S ASSISTANT (PG-13) (120 410) 715 1000

STEP FATHER (PG-13) (115 PM)

PASSPORT TO LOVE (PG-13) (110 405) 710 1005

COUPLES RETREAT (PG-13) (130 420) 730 1025

CAPITALISM: A LOVE STORY (R) - ID REQ'D (1220 PM)

TOY STORY 3D - DOUBLE FEATURE (G) ★ (300 PM) 700 PM

PARANORMAL ACTIVITY (R) - ID REQ'D (1225 150 250 425 525) 650 750 915 1015

CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF MEATBALLS 3D - EVENT PRICE (PG) ★ (215 440) 710 935

THE INFORMANT (R) - ID REQ'D (445 PM)

JULIE & JULIA (PG-13) (320 PM) 620 PM 920 PM

HILLSONG UNITED: WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER (NR) 730 PM

POTOMAC YARD STADIUM 16

3576 Jefferson Davis Hwy 800-FANDANGO 690#

MICHAEL JACKSON: THIS IS IT (PG) ★ (1100 1140 1230 110 150 230 320 400 440 520) 610 650 730 810 900 940 1020

ASTRO BOY (PG) (100 335) 600 830

OC & DA: CIRQUE DU FREAK: THE VAMPIRE'S ASSISTANT (PG-13) (1145 PM) 725 PM

CIRQUE DU FREAK: THE VAMPIRE'S ASSISTANT (PG-13) (435 PM) 1015 PM

SAW VI (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1130 1240 210 310 450 550) 720 820 950

LAW ABIDING CITIZEN (R) - ID REQ'D (1225 155 340) 640 740 935

STEP FATHER (PG-13) (500 PM) 1035 PM

WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE (PG) (130 420) 715 1000

GOOD HAIR (PG-13) (120 PM) 620 PM

COUPLES RETREAT (PG-13) (1200 250 540) 830

ZOMBIELAND (R) - ID REQ'D (1255 PM) 655 PM

PARANORMAL ACTIVITY - DP (R) - ID REQ'D (1220 300 330 800 1030)

PARANORMAL ACTIVITY (R) - ID REQ'D (1120 200 430) 700 930

CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF MEATBALLS 3D - EVENT PRICE (PG) ★ (1110 140 410) 630 850

KINGSTOWNE STADIUM 16

5910 Kingstowne Towne Center 703-922-4956

RW: MICHAEL JACKSON: THIS IS IT (PG) ★ (1245 320) 615 900

MICHAEL JACKSON: THIS IS IT - DP (PG) ★ (1200 235 515) 800 1035

MICHAEL JACKSON: THIS IS IT (PG) ★ (135 415) 700 940

AMELIA (PG) (1235 335) 650 925

ASTRO BOY (PG) (125 350) 630 845

CIRQUE DU FREAK: THE VAMPIRE'S ASSISTANT (PG-13) (1135 230 505) 750 1020

SAW VI (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1225 140 245 400 500) 655 740 930 1030

LAW ABIDING CITIZEN (R) - ID REQ'D (1150 155 440) 620 725 1015

STEP FATHER (PG-13) (1230 330) 715 950

WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE (PG) (150 425) 705 935

COUPLES RETREAT (PG-13) (1145 225 510) 745 1025

ZOMBIELAND (R) - ID REQ'D (1205 220 435) 645 920

PARANORMAL ACTIVITY (R) - ID REQ'D (1250 300 355 525) 735 915 1010

CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF MEATBALLS 3D - EVENT PRICE (PG) ★ (1145 200 420) 635 850

COUNTRYSIDE STADIUM 20

45980 Regal Plaza 800-FANDANGO 394#

MICHAEL JACKSON: THIS IS IT (PG) ★ (1200 1245 145 245 330 430 530) 620 720 820 905 1005

OC & DA: CIRQUE DU FREAK: THE VAMPIRE'S ASSISTANT (PG-13) (125 PM) 645 PM

AMELIA (PG) (1250 340) 625 910

ASTRO BOY (PG) (1210 235 500) 730 1015

CIRQUE DU FREAK: THE VAMPIRE'S ASSISTANT (PG-13) (405 PM) 925 PM

SAW VI (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1220 135 250 420 520) 650 750 920 1020

STEP FATHER (PG-13) (425 PM) 700 PM

WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE (PG) (1255 155 335 435) 615 715 850

LAW ABIDING CITIZEN (R) - ID REQ'D (1215 120 310 410) 610 705 900

COUPLES RETREAT (PG-13) (1240 350) 640 935

INVENTION OF LYING (PG-13) (205 445) 730 1010

CAPITALISM: A LOVE STORY (R) - ID REQ'D (1220 PM)

TOY STORY 3D - DOUBLE FEATURE (G) ★ (1205 PM 400 PM) 800 PM

ZOMBIELAND (R) - ID REQ'D (1235 255 515) 740 1025

PARANORMAL ACTIVITY (R) - ID REQ'D (100 220 320 450 540) 710 810 930 1030

CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF MEATBALLS (PG) (110 345) 630 855

HALLOWEEN 2 (R) - ID REQ'D 950 PM

FOX STADIUM 16

22875 Crawford Plz Asburn, VA 703-957-1035

MICHAEL JACKSON: THIS IS IT (PG) ★ (1245 200 320 440) 600 720 840 1000

CIRQUE DU FREAK: THE VAMPIRE'S ASSISTANT (PG-13) (210 450) 730 1010

ASTRO BOY (PG) (120 400) 630 910

SAW VI (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (240 520) 800 1020

STEP FATHER (PG-13) (130 410) 640 930

LAW ABIDING CITIZEN (R) - ID REQ'D (220 500) 740 1015

WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE (PG) (1240 140 310 430 550) 700 830 940

COUPLES RETREAT (PG-13) (230 510) 750 1025

TOY STORY 3D - DOUBLE FEATURE (G) ★ (250 PM) 650 PM

ZOMBIELAND (R) - ID REQ'D (110 350) 610 900

PARANORMAL ACTIVITY (R) - ID REQ'D (1250 150 330 420 540) 710 810 920 1030

FAME (PG) (100 PM 340 PM) 620 PM

CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF MEATBALLS (PG) (1230 300 530) 820

HALLOWEEN 2 (R) - ID REQ'D 950 PM

FAIRFAX TOWNE CENTER 10

4110 W Ox Road 800-FANDANGO 670#

HILLSONG UNITED: WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER (NR) 730 PM

MICHAEL JACKSON: THIS IS IT - DP (PG) ★ (100 340) 640 920

MICHAEL JACKSON: THIS IS IT (PG) ★ (150 240 430 520) 720 1010

ASTRO BOY (PG) (140 420) 720 1000

CIRQUE DU FREAK: THE VAMPIRE'S ASSISTANT (PG-13) (130 410) 710 950

SAW VI (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (110 200 350 440) 650 740 930 1015

SAW VI (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (115 PM 415 PM)

ZOMBIELAND (R) - ID REQ'D (210 400 450) 735 940 1020

PARANORMAL ACTIVITY (R) - ID REQ'D (1250 150 330 420 540) 710 810 920 1030

FAME (PG) (100 PM 340 PM) 620 PM

CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF MEATBALLS (PG) (1230 300 530) 820

HALLOWEEN 2 (R) - ID REQ'D 950 PM

MANASSAS STADIUM 14

11380 Bulloch Drive 800-FANDANGO 490#

MICHAEL JACKSON: THIS IS IT (PG) ★ (1230 145 230 315) 600 645 730 845 930 1015

ASTRO BOY (PG) (250 PM) 615 PM 835 PM

CIRQUE DU FREAK: THE VAMPIRE'S ASSISTANT (PG-13) (200 430) 740 1030

SAW VI (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1250 210 310 445) 630 800 900 1040

STEP FATHER (PG-13) (100 PM) 705 PM

LAW ABIDING CITIZEN (R) - ID REQ'D (115 415) 720 1025

WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE (PG) (255 PM) 610 PM 855 PM

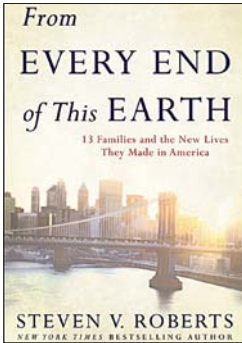
COUPLES RETREAT (PG-13) (330 PM) 625 PM 925 PM

ZOMBIELAND (R) - ID REQ'D (400 PM) 945 PM

PARANORMAL ACTIVITY - DP (R) - ID REQ'D (215 530) 745 1010

PARANORMAL ACTIVITY (R) - ID REQ'D (130 445) 730 915

CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF MEATBALLS 3D - EVENT PRICE (PG) ★ (345 PM) 715 PM 950 PM



plants to this great nation in his new book, "From Every End of This Earth," and will be speaking about it tonight. f.z.
→ *National Press Club, 529 14th St. NW; 6 p.m., free; 202-234-4446, Npc.press.org. (Metro Center)*

1 American Tales

It's a myth that no one is from D.C. and we're all immigrants here. But everyone has a story of migration in their background, whether it's through Ellis Island or across the Bering Strait. D.C. journalist Steven Roberts tells the stories of modern trans-

top stops

Compiled by Express' Karmah Elmusa and Fiona Zublin. Read more of their picks every day at Expressnightout.com/topstops.

3 Happy Anniversary, Mr. President

It has actually been a year since the day Barack Obama was elected president. We can't believe it, either. Where are the flying cars? Where are the jet packs? Anyway, a panel of experts, including White House press secretary Robert Gibbs and journalist Chuck Todd, will offer their insight on Obama's time in office tonight. f.z.

→ *National Museum of American History, Baird Auditorium, 10th Street and Constitution Avenue NW; 6:45 p.m., \$40; 202-633-3030, Residentassociates.com. (Smithsonian)*

2 Hey, It's a Pun!

"Dear Mary Karr: When you title your memoir 'Lit,' we're going to expect it to be about literature, rather than alcoholism. Luckily, your book is so good that you're off the hook for your poor communication skills." The book is a story of addiction and redemption, told with uncommon humor. Karr will be speaking and reading at Politics and Prose tonight. f.z.
→ *Politics and Prose, 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW; 7 p.m., free; 202-364-1919, Politics-prose.com. (Van Ness)*



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All His Jazz

Music buff Eastwood presents the legacy of Johnny Mercer

LYRICIST | Executive producer and lifelong jazz enthusiast Clint Eastwood presents "Johnny Mercer: The Dream's on Me" (8 p.m., TCM), a profile and appreciation of one of the most prolific lyricists of the 20th century.

Born to a pedigreed Georgia family a century ago this year, Mercer is best known to the casual fan as the man who wrote the words to "Moon River." But as "Dream's" demonstrates, he wrote an astounding number of popular songs that have become part of the great American songbook.

Director and producer Bruce Ricker has spent decades making



Clint Eastwood records his narration.

films about jazz and is adept at finding remarkable performance footage. The result is a visual Niagara of performance and interview clips featuring Mercer at various stages of his life, and interpretations of his song by many of the 20th century's great artists. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

tonight's lineup

POPULAR HUMORIST

A roster of top-flight American comics including Jerry Seinfeld and Chris Rock salute Emmy-winning actor Bill Cosby as he becomes the recipient of the 12th Mark Twain Prize for American Humor. **BILL COSBY: THE MARK TWAIN PRIZE 2009** (8 p.m., PBS) includes clips of his career highlights from stand-up appearances and his role on "I Spy" and the sitcoms that later bore his name.

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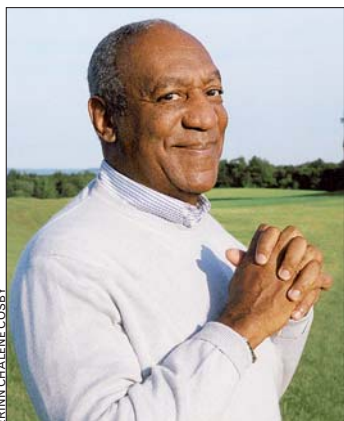
Tonight's **MERCY** (8 p.m., NBC) proves you don't need the Wizard of Oz or a bottle of tequila to give you courage. For Veronica, it's a brave cancer patient who inspires her to face her fear of telling her husband about her affair with Dr. Sands.

ODD HABITS DIE HARD

On **MODERN FAMILY** (9 p.m., ABC), when Manny turns out to be good at fencing, the whole family comes out to support him.

THE ITALIAN STALLION

On **TOP CHEF: ALL STARS DINNER** (10 p.m., Bravo), Fabio Viviani, a fifth-season alumnus of the cooking com-



Actor Bill Cosby receives the Mark Twain Prize for American Humor on PBS.

petition, hosts a gathering of fellow cheftestants who reminisce and face a new challenge.

CREATURE FEATURED

On the season finale of **DESTINATION TRUTH** (10 p.m., SyFy), Josh Gates and his crew head to the small Himalayan nation of Bhutan in search of one of the most enduring and elusive legendary creatures ever: the migoi — which you may know as the abominable snowman, yeti, sasquatch or Bigfoot. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)



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U.S. Airlines Raise Holiday Charges

DALLAS | If you plan to travel around the upcoming holidays, prepare to pay a little more — again. Several of the largest U.S. airlines have increased a surcharge for travel on the busiest travel days to \$20 each way, up from \$10. The surcharges apply to many flights within the U.S. on more than a dozen peak days around holidays including Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's. Delta, American, United, US Airways and Northwest all boosted their surcharge on some routes, said Tom Parsons, who runs the travel Web site Bestfares.com. Tim Smith, spokesman for Fort Worth, Texas-based American Airlines, confirmed the higher surcharges Monday. He said that although airlines are filing the increases as a surcharge this time, "fares on those peak days have always tended to be higher. It's a matter of supply and demand." Smith said the increases started late last week with US Airways, and "most other airlines, including American, have matched." (AP)

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Maori women perform a traditional dance for visitors at the Te Po Maori heritage center in Rotorua, New Zealand, in May.

Maori Hospitality

New Zealand natives share their cultural heritage with visitors

ROTORUA, NEW ZEALAND | As I tumbled down the mountainside in a gigantic beach ball filled with water, feeling somewhat like I was in a washing machine, it occurred to me that there had to be a better way to experience New Zealand. Actually, that didn't occur to me until after the Zorb stopped and my screams became laughter. But I have since concluded that while Kiwis may be best known for adventure tourism, perhaps the most enriching part of my trip was the cultural tourism that taught me about the Maori.

"Meeting" a Maori tribe at a heritage center can be just as daunting as thrill-jumping off Auckland's Skytower. What's the proper reaction when a spear-carrying warrior

In New Zealand, you'll hear the Maori-language greeting 'Kia-ora!' nearly everywhere.

bounds out of a house, shouts something in Maori at you and throws a leaf at your feet? Centuries before white settlers came and called the land New Zealand, the Maori arrived in canoes, most likely from Polynesia.

Rugby fans may know of the haka, the Maori dance practiced by the All Blacks, the national rugby team, to rattle their opponents before each game. My fiancé and I saw the haka performed on a stage at a Maori heritage center, where we were treated to a hearty Maori feast made in a hangi (earth oven). Throughout the trip, we found New Zealand's countryside to be universally stunning. Yet for Kiwis, it isn't enough to just look at the scenery — you must experience it. So, we Zorbed. But we took a pass on glacier heli-hiking. After all, my adrenaline was pumped enough by the spear-carrying Maori who threw the leaf. The proper reaction, by the way, is to pick it up. They'll invite you in. KATHY MATHESON (AP)

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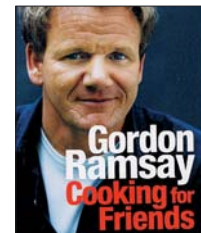
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BOOKS

Cocoa, Crisply

■ The freakish .001 percent of the population that pays attention to desserts starring apples, caramel or other non-cacao bean products can stop reading now — because **ABSOLUTE CHOCOLATE** (\$30, Taunton) might not turn them into sugar-craving zombies dying to chomp dishes such as Triple Chocolate Ice Cream Pie or Fudge Cake with Ganache Drizzle. Pity these unbelievers, for they shall miss out on easy how-tos and haute food porn photos. JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)

BOOKS

From Hell to Swell

■ U.K. celeb chef Gordon Ramsay's rep as an expletive-spewing kitchen commando hasn't won him any pals on TV

shows such as "Hell's Kitchen." But he must fare better at home — or, at least, that's what his latest book, **GORDON RAMSAY COOKING FOR FRIENDS** (\$35, William Morrow), suggests. He ramps up comfort foods (a fresh herb-powered chicken pie, almond-spiked chocolate swirl cheesecake) while keeping them simple enough to make for an impromptu Sunday brunch, either for a solo snacker or a table of guests—who, presumably, like him better than his co-stars do. BETSY LOWTHER (EXPRESS)



ISTOCK

Dinner Parties Demystified

Host a supper soiree that's a blast, not a bore, with some easy recipes and advice

The phrase "dinner party" may conjure a "Mad Men" scene, with guests sitting stiffly around a table set with Granny's silver, making small talk while choking down chicken divan. But New York food veterans Zora O'Neill and Tamara Reynolds think having people over for a meal is a nearly lost art in need of revival. In their new book, "Forking Fantastic! Putting the Party Back Into Dinner Party" (\$20, Gotham), they share recipes and tips for hosting a bash.

Why don't people throw dinner parties anymore?

TAMARA REYNOLDS: They're misinformed. People our age don't understand they can be as simple as saying, "I'm going to roast a chicken and make a salad. Will you

guys come over and bring a bottle of wine and have dinner?"

Why should they?

ZORA O'NEILL: When you start regularly sitting down at the table with people, you realize this is a great social thing. You can recharge and meet new people.

Can anyone can teach themselves to cook?

ZO: Like any self-improvement project, it doesn't come overnight. Cooking for other people is a motivator that makes you cook. Often, people think, "If it's just for me, it's not worth it." But if you have people over, you're excited and make more effort.

What mistakes do dinner-party virgins make?

ZO: Worrying. We advise drinking, of course. That helps take the edge off the anxiety. And prominently pasting the number of a pizza delivery place on the cupboard is fine, too.

TR: If you're stressing out and spending a million dollars on scented candles, centerpieces and place cards, you don't need any of that crap. Just focus on making something that sounds delicious and inviting some people over you really care about.

Are there any kinds of food to stay away from?

ZO: We tell people not to heed the [common] advice to cook a recipe you've already cooked before. That is so unnecessary. When else are you going to grill up lamb chops? Why not do it for other people and do it for the first time for them? If it takes that excitement to cook them, why not do it?

Why do you like serving meals family style?

TR: If someone doesn't like something, they're in charge of serving themselves, and they won't serve what they don't like.

ZO: You always want to serve something big! People can reach into the

pan and take what they want. It makes a more convivial setup.

What if you're short on space or lacking necessary supplies like, say, a dining-room table?

ZO: If you don't have a table, take a door off a closet, and stack it up on books. Just make sure there's someone around to help you hang it back up. And I'm a big fan of just moving all the furniture in crazy ways if you have to.

TR: Have people bring their own chair. People think that's fun. They get into it, and it makes them feel part of it. And then you haven't gone out and bought 10 chairs unnecessarily.

What if you have a dinner-party disaster, like burned food or drunk guests?

ZO: All of our best stories are about things going horribly wrong, and we still have friends. Nobody's going to hold it against you as long as you feed them dinner, even if it's takeout. BETH LUBERECKI

Q+A

Poll Center

DOES IT WORRY YOU THAT GUNS AND BULLETS ARE SELLING AT A RECORD PACE?

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AS OF 5 P.M.

NO 67%
YES 33%

"Is gun violence also setting a record pace? I don't think so. Maybe this is sending a message to Obama that people don't trust his policies and the direction of the United States."

COMMENTER BRIAN

"Hell, yes, it worries me! Except for people living in rural areas needing guns to defend themselves from wild animals, I have yet to hear one good reason for gun [ownership]."

AN ANONYMOUS COMMENTER

"Increased sales of anything is good news economically, right?"

COMMENTER JUST WONDERIN'

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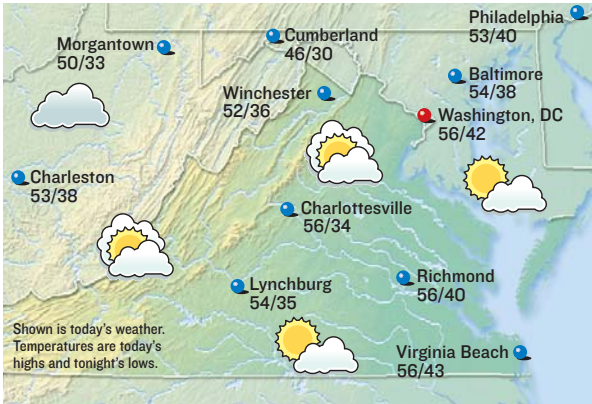
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Year to date 36.23"
Last year to date 41.09"
Normal year to date 33.57"

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Regional Forecast

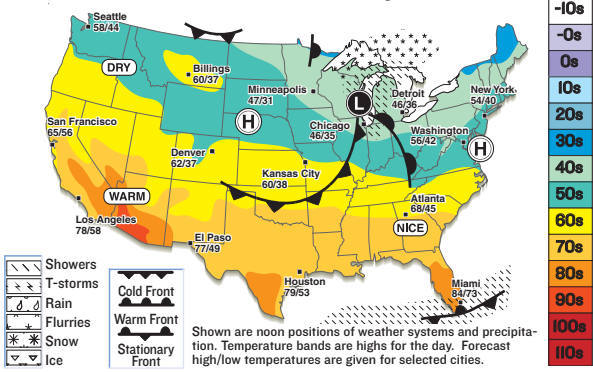
D.C. Metro: Today, partly cloudy. High 56. Wind south-southeast 4-8 mph. Tonight, mostly cloudy, a shower. Low 42. Wind light, variable.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today 6:39 a.m.
Sunset tonight 5:04 p.m.
Moonrise today 6:15 p.m.
Moonset today 8:49 a.m.



National Weather for Wednesday, November 4



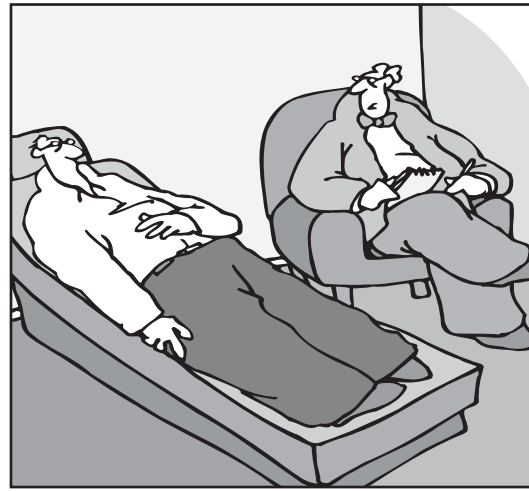
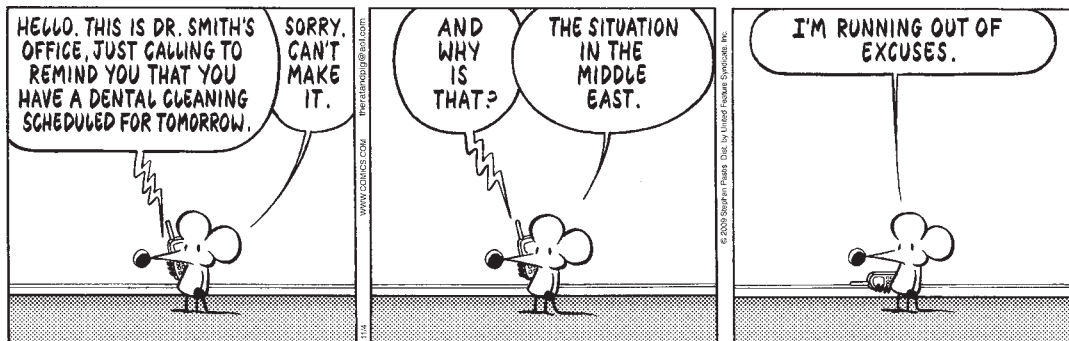
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City	Today	Thur.
Atlanta	68/45/s	68/43/s
Boston	50/39/s	50/38/c
Chicago	46/35/c	50/33/s
Dallas	73/51/s	76/52/s
Denver	62/37/s	70/40/pc
Honolulu	83/72/pc	85/72/pc
Los Angeles	78/58/pc	72/58/pc
Miami	84/73/pc	84/70/pc
New York City	54/40/s	52/40/c
Orlando	82/63/pc	81/58/s
Seattle	58/44/pc	56/45/r

World Cities

City	Today	Thur.
Amsterdam	51/43/sh	52/43/sh
Athens	68/57/pc	72/63/s
Berlin	43/39/sh	43/38/c
Buenos Aires	74/57/pc	71/61/s
Calgary	43/30/pc	46/35/pc
Dublin	52/41/sh	54/41/pc
Geneva	54/41/r	43/37/r
Moscow	32/25/pc	34/27/c
Rome	64/50/sh	64/50/pc
Sydney	73/61/sh	68/57/sh
Tokyo	66/55/pc	70/54/pc

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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By Stella Wilder

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You can't get it all done on your own, so be ready and willing to delegate. Pick the right person for each job.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You may have to face one of your private fears before the day is out. See if you can't use this experience to break through barriers.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You're after something that others prize, too, so be ready to put it all on the line, sooner or later, to win the day.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) The more you practice, the more confidence you'll gain — but there's nothing like the real thing to prove that you have what it takes.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You may be reluctant to change the way you do things, but a compromise of sorts is certainly in the cards before the day is out.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Wield your authority with care and sensitivity — and be willing to defer to another when the time comes.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Now is a good time to explore a few options that you've been overlooking in the recent past. One or two may be quite promising.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Follow the rule book, and resist any temptation to do things in a manner that might be unacceptable to those in charge.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Early in the day you may have trouble focusing and turning in work that is up to par. Later on, however, you'll feel inspired and eager.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Someone is waiting for you to say yes, but be ready for a long-term commitment. What you say and do will affect you for quite some time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Events that transpire may have you planning something on your own that can make the difference between success and failure.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) The more you listen to the voices within you, the more likely you will be to live up to your own expectations when put to the test.

Today in History

1879 The cash register is patented by James and John Ritty of Dayton, Ohio.

1924 Nellie T. Ross of Wyoming is elected as United States' first woman governor; she serves the remaining term of William B. Ross, her husband who died in office.

1952 Dwight D. Eisenhower is elected U.S. president, defeating Democrat Adlai Stevenson.

1979 Militants seize U.S. Embassy in Tehran and take the diplomats hostage for 444 days, demanding the ousted Shah of Iran as ransom.

1995 Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is assassinated as he leaves a pro-peace rally in Tel Aviv.

1999 Aaron McKinney, who beat gay college stu-



Barack Obama and family wave to the crowd in Chicago after his win in 2008.

dent Matthew Shepard and left him to die on the Wyoming prairie, avoids the death penalty by agreeing to serve life in prison without parole and promising never to appeal his conviction.

2008 Barack Obama is elected the first black president of the United States.

lookout people



CASTING
Paycheck!

Former Jenny Craig spokeswoman **KIRSTIE ALLEY** is going to star in a new A&E reality “docu-series” about her life as a single mom and her efforts to lose weight. The network has ordered 10 half-hour episodes of the yet-to-be-titled series from “American Idol” producer FremantleMedia North America. The show will follow the actress at home with her teenage children, at work and as she launches a new weight-loss program. The A&E series is to air next year. (AP)

DIRTBAG DIGEST
Hey, What Did Jon Gosselin Do in the Last 24 Hours?

JON GOSSELIN expressed dismay at his estranged wife’s claim that she didn’t remember which of them called the marriage quits. “Hey at least she said ‘didn’t remember’ instead of lieing [sic],” Gosselin Tweeted. He also took twins



We love updating you on Jon Gosselin.

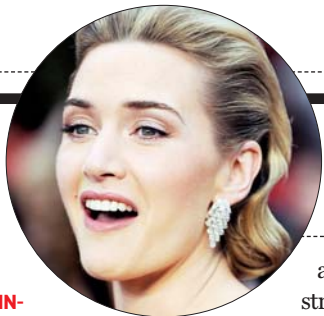
Mady and Cara to the bus and “came home to then hug my other six little morsels.” (EXPRESS)

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APPEARANCES
She Can’t Be Too Rich, But She Can Be Too Thin

Lawyers for **KATE WIN-SLET** say the actress has accepted 25,000 pounds (more than \$40,000) in damages after the Daily Mail falsely reported in January she lied about her exercise regime. Winslet was not in court for Tuesday’s settlement, but through her lawyers said she wanted an



Kate’s body neuroses are a matter of national pride.

apology “to demonstrate my commitment to the views that I have always expressed about body issues, including diet and exercise.” Winslet has been an outspoken critic of excessive dieting. In 2007, she won damages against a British magazine that wrongly stated she had visited a diet doctor. (AP)

THEFT
Item Not Exactly About Lindsay Lohan, but Close

Search warrant records show dozens of diamond rings, shoes, bags, guns and drugs have been seized from the homes of three people suspected of burglarizing celebrities’ residences. In all, three women and one man are charged with breaking into the homes of celebrities such as **LINDSAY LOHAN**, Orlando Bloom and Paris Hilton. (AP)



Quick: Dina Lohan or Lindsay Lohan?

EVAN AGOSTINI/AP

CREEPY
Seacrest Stalker Pleads Not Guilty

A man arrested outside **RYAN SEACREST**’s workplace has pleaded not guilty to a felony stalking charge. Chidi Benjamin Uzomah Jr. entered the plea Tuesday through an attorney. A court commissioner ordered Uzomah to stay 500 yards away from Seacrest if he is released from jail on \$150,000 bail. (AP)



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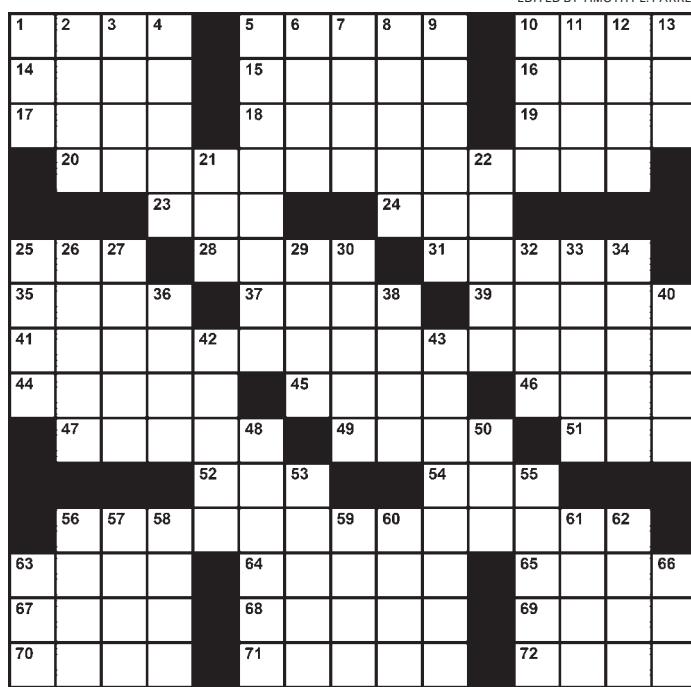
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ACROSS

1. Angels' desires
5. Baby bird call
10. College football team's desire
14. I60 square rods
15. Indy 500 competitor
16. Huron neighbor
17. Animal hide
18. Castle of the turkey trot
19. Reach the ground, as an airplane
20. Eastern California wonder
23. Cotton gin inventor Whitney
24. Amazonian shocker
25. Cultural hang-ups?
28. Nautical mile per hour
31. Uses a scale from one to 10
35. Sheep sounds
37. A pitch off the plate
39. Lazy baker's aids
41. D.C. tribute to a fallen hero
44. Annual literary mystery prize
45. Words with "good example"
46. Fuzzy red Muppet
47. Cabaret material
49. Soil
51. Telepathy, briefly
52. Word with "first" or "financial"
54. Bull's beloved
56. Monument with a powerful foursome
63. Half a quart
64. Piquancy
65. Some do it upon

DOWN

67. District or section
68. Islamic prince (var.)
69. Word said before looking up
70. Laundry cycle
71. Farrier's tools
72. Bully's prey, traditionally
1. Is ill with
2. Disgusting, in kid-speak
3. Threesome
4. Austen title starter
5. Lawbreaker
6. Mata ____ (spy)
7. "Law & Order: SVU" co-star
8. Zellweger of "Miss Potter"
9. Have a bias toward
10. Statistical-curve shape
11. Kind of hygiene
12. First number in season records
13. Conducted an orchestra
21. Animal that bugles
22. Thirteen-day siege site
25. Ready and willing partner
26. Daring operations
27. Ballroom dance
29. Exerts dominance over, in slang
30. Domesticated
32. One for the road?
33. Banishment
34. Coal layers



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36. Read data optically
38. Abominable Snowman
40. Pig food
42. Mass instrument, often
43. Some parade participants
48. Baby minder
50. "Ziggy" cartoonist Wilson
53. An hour of prime-time TV, often
55. John's ode to Yoko

56. Actress Sorvino
57. Dollar bills
58. Zion National Park home
59. Aspirin has several
60. Aerobics class aid
61. ____ Beauty (apple type)
62. Fairy tale's penultimate word
63. Terrier's tootsie
66. Kind of table

Yesterday's Solution



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Fill in the boxes so each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. See www.sudoku.com for solution, tips and computer program.

Need more Sudoku?

Find another Sudoku puzzle in the Comics section of the Post every Sunday and in the Style section Monday through Saturday.

Yesterday's Solution

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6	1	4	9	5	2	7	8	3
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